

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#25 – “Letting the Light Shine” – Luke 8: 16-21

#### I. Introduction.

##### A. Opening illustration.

1. A bloody day in 1862 but the night brought glorious sky.

##### B. Today’s text – Luke 8:16-21

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 8:16-18

1. Note the importance of good listening.

2. Context, noted with parable of the soils, suggests that Jesus is emphasizing the hearing and doing of the Word.

3. The mini-parable

a. Why have something useful and not use it?

4. Jesus’ own teaching – Luke 1:78, 2:32

5. Some say the reference concerns the global missionary effort (Matthew 5:16).

a. Pastor Don disagrees – The context of Luke’s account is hearing and doing.

6. Some people hear and hear and hear, but never do.

7. God will bring them to account – Luke 8:17

a. Final judgment – Psalm 7:9; 90:8; Eccl. 12:14; Rom. 2:16; I Cor. 4:5; Rev. 2:23

b. “Use it or lose it,” Kent Hughes.

8. Haves and Have nots

a. “Haves” – not materially but spiritually. They hear and do.

b. “Have nots” – They hear but do not do.

##### B. Luke 8:19-20

1. This family concern seems out of place, but on closer examination it is a part of the narrative.

2. We do not know why the family wanted to talk to Jesus.

##### C. Luke 8:21

1. Who is a true disciple? Or brother?

#### III. Points for Reflection

A. How should we listen to sermons? Very carefully.

B. Do the Word – attention to God’s Word must be coupled with a willingness to do it!

C. Glorifying God means letting our light, the truth of His Word, shine through us!