

**“Be Careful Lest the Light In You Be Darkness”**

*Sermon Notes*

- **When it seems like the folks on your 'List of 5' are unmoved by Christ's power, wisdom and preaching...** (Luke 11:29-32)

*...then please understand...*

1. ...they still have to \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' ministry (v.33)

2. ...they are likely counting the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus' scrutiny (vv.34-35)

3. ...they may yet one day \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' victory (v.36)

**MEFC Community Group Study Guide**  
For the Week of February 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

**Getting Started**

1. Where's the darkest place you've ever been? Whether it's an actual physical location or a spiritual or emotional state of mind, please take turns sharing as a group.

**Digging Deeper**

2. One of the most beloved truths in Holy Scripture is Psalm 119:105 - “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (KJV).” What memories, images or realities does this verse call to your mind?

**Open Your Bible to Luke 11:33-36...**

3. The connection between verses 29-32 and verses 33-36 is not obvious at first glance...do you see one? What is it that links these two paragraphs together?
4. Compare Luke's use of Jesus' saying in verse 33 with Matthew's use of the same saying in Matthew 5:14-16. How does each author's arrangement of Jesus' saying in different contexts help us to see its meaning? How does it make it more difficult to discern its meaning?
5. In verse 34, is Jesus talking about the eyes of our *head* or the eyes of our *heart* or both (see Ephesians 1:18)? How do you know? What's the difference? Why does it matter?
6. What's the tone of verse 35? How does what Jesus is saying in verse 35 make you feel? Since the words of Christ are always designed to bring us to repentance and action, what steps do you need to take in view of what Jesus says in verse 35?
7. In verse 36, Jesus paints an exquisite portrait of life lived before God in the power of the Holy Spirit. How do we

create the environment in our lives to let in as much light as possible?

Jesus goes so far as to speak of “having no part dark” in the interior of our lives (v.36). Is this possible on this side of the kingdom of heaven? Consider the following Scriptures as you ponder your answer: Matthew 5:48; Mark 10:18; Romans 3:10; 1 John 1:8-2:6; 3:2, 7-10.

8. If this study has called attention to remaining “dark” aspects of your inner life, how do the cross and empty tomb of Christ speak powerfully to this sense of conviction? In addition, how do the following psalms offer you help and hope? See: Psalm 18:28; 23:4; 112:4; 139:11-12.