

Small Group Study Questions

- 1) In your opinion, when is it appropriate or wise to keep a secret?
- 2) Read today's passage (**Mark 4:21-34**), review the sermon points, and share anything from the sermon that you found especially interesting, challenging or useful.
- 3) When you encounter something in the Bible that's hard to understand, are you more likely to assume that there *is* or that there *is not* a satisfying answer to it? Explain your answer. Does what Jesus said in **v.22** help?
- 4) Read **vv.24-25** again. Can you think of something exciting or encouraging that you've discovered about God, about His Word, about the Christian faith, etc. that you had no idea about when you first trusted Jesus as Savior?
- 5) The Bible makes — and we often repeat — some pretty bold claims about the victorious nature of God's Kingdom. For example, look together at **Matthew 16:15-18, John 16:33, Romans 8:37-39 & Revelation 17:14**. How can we trust in promises like these when so much of what we see in the world around us seems to contradict it?
- 6) Do you believe that every discouragement we face is temporary in light of what Jesus said about His kingdom in **vv.31-32**? Is there something specific you're discouraged about tonight that the rest of the group can pray about with you?