

**Sermon: From Outside In to Inside Out.**  
**Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.**

**Scripture: Luke 11:27-36.**  
**Date: February 9, 2025**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) V. 27-28. The woman's words, though maybe well intentioned, were a distraction from hearing the word of God through Jesus. What well intentioned things tend to distract us from hearing God's word.
- b) Why must our faith be based on the certainty of God's word? What absolute truths in God's word does our faith rest upon?
- c) Jesus says that those who hear and obey the word of God are blessed? What blessing do we receive from hearing and obeying God's word?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) V. 29. Jesus says that an evil generation seeks signs. What "signs" do you tend to need from God that go beyond simple trust in the work of Christ?
- b) V. 35. Jesus warns that the "light" in us can be darkness. Can you think of examples of ways that something you believe is "light" from God/Christ but it is actually darkness – causes division, pride, discouragement?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) V.29-30. Jesus says that the only sign we need is the "Sign of Jonah" – his resurrection. In what way is the resurrection the proof of everything in God's word. What happens to our faith if the resurrection is untrue? Read 1 Cor. 15:12-19 & 32.
- b) V. 33-36. Jesus is God's lamp/light that becomes the light inside of us illuminating our whole body/life. What might be different in your life if the light of Christ and his resurrection illuminated your entire life? Your suffering, your temptations, your successes, your failures, your family, friendships, work, ministry?

**APPLICATION**

- a) Read Ephesians 5:8-14. How does this scripture describe the light from Outside In and the light from Inside Out? In what ways does your life look like Ephesians 5:8-14?
- b) The light of Christ in us is not a light that is meant to be hidden under a basket. Is there a specific time or place that you can shine the light of Christ into darkness this week?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for the grace of his word given to us to hear and obey.
- Confess ways that you tend to ignore the word and the sign of the resurrected Christ.
- Thank Jesus for being the Sign that proves all of God's word and promises.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to let the light of Christ in and out.