

What are You Doing with What You Know?

Luke 8-4-15

I. How have you **received** the secret you've been given?

Luke 8:10 – He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: ‘When they look, they won’t really see. When they hear, they won’t understand.’ (NLT)

John 2:23-25 – ²³Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him.
²⁴But Jesus didn’t trust them, because he knew all about people.
²⁵No one needed to tell him about human nature, for he knew what was in each person’s heart. (NLT)

II. How have you **responded** to the secret you've been given?

Acts 28:27 – For the hearts of these people have grown callous, their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. (CSB)

1 Peter 4:16 – But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God in having that name. (CSB)

Galatians 4:9 – But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? (NASB)

1 Thessalonians 2:13 – This is why we constantly thank God, because when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the word of God, which also works effectively in you who believe.
(CSB)

III. How will you **relate** the secret you've been given?

1 Peter 3:15 – but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. (CSB)

Romans 10:14-17 – ¹⁴But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!” ¹⁶But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. (NLT)

Thought For The Week:

What **message** is your life **proclaiming**?