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- What principle of spiritual growth is revealed in Jesus' teaching about "the measure you use" (4:24-25)? How have you seen this at work in your own life or in others?
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- What is Jesus revealing about himself through these different parables?
- Why would Jesus' first disciples find his parables encouraging or convicting? How do they inform you when you consider the place of God's kingdom in our world today?
- Jesus said, "If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear" (4:23). What do you hear the Lord saying to you through this text? How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *Is it hard for you to keep a secret?* Read Mark 4:21-34. Ask: *What kinds of things are hidden at first in Jesus' stories? What happens when they are revealed? How does Jesus reveal himself to us today?*

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