

LUKE 10:38-42

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ICE BREAKER: Describe something you like to do, but which takes a lot of time.

GROUP QUESTIONS:

(Read Luke 10:23-24) Earlier in this same chapter, Jesus explained to His disciples the **incredible privilege** they had in listening to Him, saying, *“Blessed are the eyes that see the things you see. For I tell you that **many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.**”*

The great **prophets** of old longed and dreamed to hear what the disciples were now **hearing from Jesus**, the long-awaited Messiah. **Kings** would have given their wealth to hear Jesus’ words.

1. In what ways do you **take for granted** the **great privilege** you have to **read and listen to Jesus**?

(Read verses 39-41) Some have interpreted this passage by praising both Martha and Mary. Martha and Mary are seen as two equally important aspects of the Christian life—busy doing the Lord’s work and sitting at Jesus’ feet. However, **Jesus’ gentle rebuke** of Martha leaves no doubt what He thinks of Martha’s busy tasks, saying *“Martha, Martha, you are **worried and upset about many things.**”*

Jesus says the **fruits of a busy person**, who does **not daily abide in Him**, will always be **worry** and **being upset**, and not just about one thing, but about **many things**.

2. Jesus says our **busyness** outside of Him leads to **worry** and **anger**. How has that proven true in your life?

(Read verses 40-42) Martha complained, saying, *“Lord, **don’t you care** that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me.”* Jesus does care, but **Jesus does not care for the busyness we care about**. In so saying, Jesus reveals to us to the very nature of God.

God is not so focused on our tasks, as He is on us. God is not so busy that He has no time for us. Actually, it is always the other way around.

3. How does Jesus’ focus on sitting and listening to Him give us **insight** into **what God is like and what He desires from us**?

(Read verses 39-40) Notice Mary could not sit at Jesus’ feet until she first **left Martha** and the **dinner chores**. Martha rewarded Mary’s decision with **anger** and **criticism**. If our Christian **faith** is to **grow** or **even survive**, we must **leave something** or **at times someone behind**. We will not be able to have regular times of devotion unto the Lord without first **taking something out** of our current **schedule**.

As with Mary, we can expect **not** to be **understood**, even by those closest to us. We can expect **criticism** and **anger**.

4. What is something you must **leave behind** to ensure you **establish** a daily **devotional life** with Jesus?

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PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those in your group plan to witness Christ to this week.)
