

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

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Luke 10:38-42

Warm Up

What's one piece of advice someone gave you that has stuck with you over the years?

Review

Read Luke 10:38-42 and go over the sermon outline on the back of the worship folder. What stood out to you from the sermon?

Martha was distracted

Martha was busy doing something good—serving Jesus. But even good things can distract us from what matters most. What are some good things in our lives that can unintentionally crowd out time with God's Word? Why do you think it's sometimes easier to stay busy doing things for Jesus than to spend time listening to him?

Mary sat and listened

Mary recognized that listening to Jesus was worth setting everything else aside. Think of someone whose words you really trust—someone you turn to for advice or guidance. What makes you confident in what they say? How does that help us understand why we can have confidence in the words of Jesus? What makes the Bible different from even the best human advice?

Martha, Martha

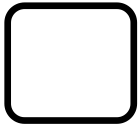
Jesus lovingly identifies Martha's worries and distractions. His Word doesn't just inform us; it addresses what's happening in our hearts. Can you think of a time when something you heard or read in the Bible spoke directly to a worry, struggle, or decision you were facing? How did God's Word help you see that situation differently?

Mary has chosen what is better

Jesus doesn't condemn serving others. He reminds Martha that listening to Jesus is better. Our culture often measures the value of something by how productive it makes us. What makes spending time in God's Word valuable even when it doesn't seem like we're accomplishing anything? How might that change the way we approach personal Bible reading, Bible study, and Worship Services?

It won't be taken away

Jesus assures Martha that what Mary is receiving is something that lasts. So much of what we depend on in life can change or disappear—health, finances, relationships, plans, and circumstances. How does knowing that God's Word and his promises remain certain give us confidence? What difference could that confidence make in the way we live this week?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Luke 10:38-42

Growing Closer to Jesus – Confidence in the Bible

A.I. is making us doubt so much.

1. Confidence in _____.
 - It's source
 - It's transmission
 - It's translation
2. Confidence in _____.
 - You won't understand it all.
 - Things get in the way.
 - But you will understand the most important part.
 - "Martha, Martha."
 - Jesus came for her and us.
 - The more you're in the Word, the more confidence you have in reading the Word.
3. Confidence in _____.
 - Martha's confidence at a funeral.
 - Mary prepared for the future.
 - "Yay, he got to heaven first!"
 - Every "yes" is a "no."

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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Next Steps

Grab a Bible Reading Challenge sheet and start digging into the Bible to get more confidence. Share what you're reading with a friend or family member.