

Characters - Mary & Martha

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will persevere in suffering.
- I will trust the goodness and generosity of God.
- I will study the book of Job for further understanding.
- I will join a small group and develop supportive friendships.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

There are a number of interpretations of the story of Martha and Mary in Luke 10. Some think the story states contemplation is superior to task orientation. Some think "type B" personalities are judged as better than "type A."

What Jesus indicates, however, is the idea of "the one thing." The one thing can be defined as time spent listening to God's Word. Or the one thing that can be defined as taking action on what God's Word says. The one thing is different things at different times to different people. We need to listen to what the Holy Spirit says the one thing is.

Join us this week as we commit our lives to be about one thing — that is to hear God's Word and put it into practice. Whatever he asks, whatever the cost.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you a Mary or a Martha Type? Did you know which type you were before the message? How did this message help you decide which type you were?

2. 1 Corinthians 15:8 says: "Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." What does this verse mean to you?

3. What do you think is the reason Martha was distracted? How often do you think you and the people around you are distracted when they should be in the presence of Lord

4. Pastor Matt references a movie and in scripture that says you need just “one thing”. What is your one thing? How often do you ask for guidance from God to give you that “one thing”?

5. How often do you find yourself stopping and asking God for help? In the times that you don’t ask God for help, what happens?

6. In the situation of Mary and Martha, what do you think you would have done as a Host to Jesus?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- I will commit my life to be about one thing — to hear God’s Word and put it into practice.
- I will do whatever God asks of me.
- I will pay whatever the cost to do what God asks of me.
- I will continually ask God the question, “What’s the one thing needed in this moment for me to live as your disciple?”

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Luke 10:38-42
- Matthew 28:21

- John 4:34
- John 9:4
- Matthew 28:19-20
- 2 Corinthians 11:23-28
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Acts 22:3
- Luke 8:19-21

Prayer Request(s)
