

Life Group Discussion Guide Conversations with Jesus Jesus and Martha – Luke 10:38-42 Pastor Brian Stark July 18, 2021

Main thought: The focus of your energy impacts your impact.

<u>Outline</u>

- 1. Martha's Bad Rap
- 2. Jesus Breaking the Mold
- 3. Mary's Secret Sauce

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

• What difference(s) do you believe are in your life as a result Jesus' life changing work in you?

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

• Share a time where you were overwhelmed by a task or project and became tunnel vision focused on getting it done.

<u>Sermon Review</u> (suggested time 20 min)

Review Luke 10:38-42 and discuss the following questions.

- Why does Martha often seem to get a bad rap? Is it bad to want to serve people?
- What was Martha's mistake in her service?
- What was significant about Mary sitting at Jesus' feet? How was Jesus breaking the mold?
- What can we learn from Mary actions during this story?



Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

Read John 15:1-8 and discuss the following questions.

- According to Jesus, what is the key to producing fruit in your life?
- What happens to those branches that do not bear fruit? Why?
- What does bearing fruit look like in your life?
- Why is pruning an important part of the process? What does that look like in your life?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Have you been trying to work your way to Jesus? Will you trust in His finished work for forgiveness of your sins and new life?
- How do you need to change the focus of your energies?
- How can you sit at Jesus feet this week? Will you spend intentional time in prayer and in the Word each day?

Group Prayer Requests: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 10 minutes)