

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 27, 2008

Passage: Luke 10:38-42

Memory Passage: Philippians 3:10

**TODAY:** From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:38-42.** What do we learn about Martha and Mary in John 11:1-5?
- (b) What was Martha doing that is important in the Christian life (Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9-10)?
- (c) Read John 11:21-27. What profession does Martha make? What does this tell us about her faith?
- (d) What was wrong with what Martha was doing? What is one danger of serving? What effects did serving have on her (Luke 10:40-41)? How did she respond to Jesus? How did she view others?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 10:38-42 and 1 Peter 4:9-10. Talk about the differences between Mary and Martha. What is good about each? What was Martha's strong point? What had Jesus already told the disciples about serving (Mark 10:43-44)? How did her service affect her relationship to God and others? Pray that you might serve the Lord with all your heart.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Psalm 100.** How are God's people supposed to serve Him? Was Martha doing that? How is our attitude important when we are serving the Lord? What are some things we can do to help us keep a right attitude in service?
- (b) Read Luke 8:14. What kept the Word (the seed) from bearing much fruit? What did Jesus say about Martha's cares?
- (c) How was Martha different from Mary? Are believers supposed to have the same interests and abilities (Romans 12:3-8)?
- (d) What are *all* the saints supposed to do, even if it is not their area of giftedness (Romans 12:9-13)? Are prayer and hospitality the responsibility of all believers or just some?
- (e) *Family:* Read Psalm 100 together. What happens when we serve with the wrong attitude? How does remembering *whose* we are help us to serve properly? Pray for a right heart to serve the Lord in every thing you do this week.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:38-42 again.** What do we learn here about Mary? Is there anything unusual about what she is doing?
- (b) What was Jesus commending her for (Luke 10:39; Proverbs 8:34; Acts 17:11)? Why does he say that it will never be taken away from her?
- (c) Why is this an essential part of spending time with the Lord (John 8:31-32; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Psalm 119:98-100)?
- (d) What are some benefits of hearing from God in His Word every day (Psalm 119:105; Psalm 119:9-11; Psalm 37:31)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 10:38-42 and John 8:31-32. Why is God's Word so important for having a daily walk with Him? What are the dangers of trying to develop a relationship with God apart from His Word? What would be the value of reading God's Word first every morning? Spend some time thanking God for giving us His Word.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:38-42 again.** What else does sitting at his feet imply? Is it *just* learning or something more? What are some reasons that this must be a priority for our lives (John 15:5; John 15:7-8; John 14:23; John 16:23-24; James 4:2-3)?
- (b) What is the difference between something that is *useful* and *needful*? Was Martha doing something useful?
- (c) Read Psalm 73:25-26. What attitude did the psalmist have toward God? What did David say in Psalm 37:3-4?
- (d) What was David's attitude toward his relationship with the Lord (Psalm 42:1; Psalm 63:1; Psalm 84:2)?
- (e) *When* did David say he sought the Lord regularly (Psalm 63:1; Psalm 5:3; Psalm 88:13)? What pattern can be seen in the life of Jesus (Mark 1:35)? Is it *required* that we do this in the morning? What are the advantages? What does it say about our priorities (Genesis 22:3)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 10:38-42 and Psalm 42:1. Why is a daily time with the Lord important? What should be our desire when we meet with the Lord? Talk about your struggles in having a quiet time. Pray that each of you would make your time with the Lord your priority.

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read John 12:1-8.** What else do we learn about Mary and her love for Jesus from this passage?
- (b) Read Psalm 27. What was the one thing that David desired more than anything else?
- (c) What one thing did Paul say that he did in Philippians 3:13-15?
- (d) Read Philippians 3:10-12. What did Paul say that he wanted more than anything else? What did Jesus say was eternal life in John 17:3? What does this mean about the essence of being a Christian?
- (e) *Family:* Read John 12:1-8 and Philippians 3:10-15. What things are important to you? What is the most important? How do you show that it is important? How does your relationship with the Lord rank in your priorities? Pray for someone who has never come to know Jesus as savior.

**DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT****READ THE PASSAGE**

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read Luke 10:38-42. What are some of the important things we need to do to follow Jesus with all our hearts? What was Martha doing? What was Mary doing? How did Martha's approach affect the way she felt toward the Lord and others? What did Jesus say about Mary's desires? Pray that we all might realize the importance of having fellowship with Jesus, even in our times of worship together.

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***One Thing Is Needful***

*“that I might know Him and the power of his resurrection...”*