

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But 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, ⁴²but 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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The Message Hits Home

What was Jesus's message? (Mark 1:14-17)

In the stories of Luke, who has received it well, and who hasn't?

Do you relate more to Martha, or Mary?

Don't You Care? (10:38-40)

So far in Luke, Jesus has been breaking cultural barriers, and including those on the outside.

38-39 – How has Jesus continued this trend in these verses?

40 – Martha is literally “pulled around” by various needs she sees. How would you describe her words to Jesus? What might she be thinking or feeling? Do you relate?

One Thing Needed (10:41-42)

41-42 – Jesus acknowledges her worry and frustration, and then corrects her thinking – only one thing is needed – what is it?

How can we pursue this priority in our lives?

Mary chose what is better – is Jesus telling us to neglect physical things? How can a spiritual focus help everything else?

How We Worship and Serve

Can you think of a time when you did the “right thing,” but in a way that was harmful to others?

What does this story show us about what is urgent vs. important?

How are the words “worship” and “serve” related in Greek?

What would it look like for your service to come from worship?