

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of April 12, 2015

Luke 10:38-42

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Common English Bible (CEB)

³⁸ *While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. ⁴⁰ By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."*

⁴¹ *The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. ⁴² One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."*

Connection Questions:

1. With which character, Martha or Mary, do you most identify in this narrative and why?
2. As you reflect on your life, do you find a need to unclutter your soul? If so, why?
3. Why does Jesus chastise Martha for all the preparations she is making for his visit?
4. Jesus commends Mary for her being focused on learning from him. How can a mature relationship with Christ help us build a strategy in how we live our lives?
5. How can being busy become exhausting? How can we prevent our busyness from being so exhausting?

