

Study Guide- Sunday May 11th, 2014
Legacy-The 'One Thing'

The purpose of this study guide is to be a tool for ABF and small group leaders to follow the sermon series with their group. We encourage you to use this guide as a starting point. Feel free to expand and facilitate discussion based on what's best for your group. Our goal is that leaders will use this guide to make wholehearted followers of Christ by going deeper and applying it for life change in their group.

We are starting a new sermon series this Sunday called "LEGACY."
What comes to mind when you hear the word legacy?

What spoke to you after hearing the message?

The scripture for this Sunday is Luke 10:38-42

Read Luke 10:38-42 together.

After reading these verses, identify the differences between Mary and Martha.

- Martha-distracted, much serving, anxious, troubled

Or How does Jesus identify their differences?

- Martha is anxious and troubled, Mary is sitting at Jesus' feet and listening.

If we look at Martha's actions in this passage and her comments, and we also look at how Jesus responds to her, what do you think is Martha's root problem?

- focusing on serving rather than worship.
- Distracted by the world (busyness, pleasing others instead of Christ).
- Busy with the temporary while missing that which is eternal.
- Talk about the sin beneath the sin, the root idol in Martha's heart.

Notice how Jesus calls Martha's name twice. Another example of this is in Acts 9:4 when Jesus does the same with Saul. Why is Jesus calling their attention? What is Martha and Saul missing? In other words, based on the beginning of verse 42 of Luke 10, what is the one thing they are missing?

- Sunday school answer: JESUS!
- Matthew 6:33-Seek first the Kingdom of God. Devotion to Christ and God's kingdom must be first in all things.
- Worship and devotion to Christ in all things

If the 'one thing' is our worship and devotion to Christ, what things in your life keep you from that devotion? In other words what keeps you distracted, anxious, troubles you?

- Busyness, Cares of this world, our identity through our children
- Idols of the heart
 - Power/Status idolatry (power over others, value found in status)
 - Control idolatry (I must have control to have peace in life)
 - Approval idolatry (my worth is found in approval of others)
 - Respect idolatry (my worth is found in the respect of others)
 - Image idolatry, etc...

How can I change what legacy I am leaving behind? In other words, how do I move from being worried and distracted by the cares of this world to a life of devotion to Christ?

- 1) Start by asking, "Is Christ 1st in all things?"
 - In our checkbook, in our time, with our children, in our decisions, in our neighborhoods
 - Look back at your most recent actions and decisions. Did I seek Christ first in these? Why did I not seek Christ first? Which leads to the second question
- 2) Identify the sin beneath the sin. What are the idols of my heart?
- 3) Confess and repent asking God to forgive you. Pray that God will create a devotion to Him.
- 4) Seek Jesus first. It is ok to work and serve, but we must identify when our work is causing us to miss our devotion to Christ.

As we talk about legacy, what will people remember you for? Are you leaving behind a legacy of your name or Christ's name?

Close with the importance of the next generation, our children, etc...What will your kids remember about you as they face the real world? Distraction or Devotion.

Sermon Notes/Additional Questions