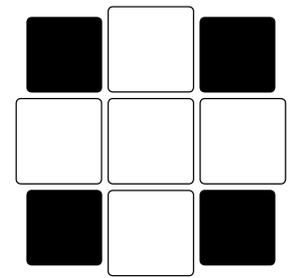


Martha and Mary

Scripture: **Luke 10:38–42**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, July 29, 2018



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Overview

It is easy to be distracted during the day. Kids, work, spouses, friendships—all are vying for our attention and our time. Not all distractions are wicked and evil; some are even “good,” but often they can obscure where our focus and attention should be. Serving is wonderful but must always be done in concert with abiding in our Savior, to sit at his feet in a humble posture. **The one good and necessary portion in this life is to listen to and to learn from Jesus.**

Corroborating Texts

Revelation 2:1-7; Romans 8:39; Luke 10:21; Luke 10:27; John 15

Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 10:38–42. Which sister do you tend to relate to more closely? Why? What about the sister you don't relate to as closely irritates you? Travell mentioned that this passage is not about being either/or, but both. How can we be both? [all of our serving should be empowered by sitting with Jesus]
2. Though Martha was well-intentioned, we see her captivated by anxiety (see Luke 10:40). What tends to cause you anxiety? In what ways does this anxiety distract you from abiding in Christ? How have these distractions caused friction in your relationships with others and with God?
3. How can serving be a form of obedient worship when in its proper place?
4. What are some good distractions in your life to be aware of? What does it mean to abide in Christ? [see John 15] Why is involvement in the local church crucial?
5. Why can we tend to shy away from involvement in the life of the church?
6. In what ways do we tend to "do stuff *for* Jesus" instead of being *with* Jesus? How is Jesus' presence the "imperishable portion?"