



INTRODUCING JESUS: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 10:38-11:13

Community Group Study Guide Week of August 23, 2020

The beginning of this passage includes the famous Martha and Mary story. The story is typically taught in a way so that Mary is praised for sitting at the feet of Jesus and enjoying His presence and Martha is chided for being “too busy” to enjoy the ultimate source of soul-satisfaction and peace while He is present. Students of such teaching might come away thinking that prayer and contemplation are more important than action and service in the Christian life. Many take such teaching to the point of emphasizing prayer and contemplation at the cost of canceling out action altogether. Such a presentation of the text misses the point. How could the gospel ever be shared if all Christians spent all of their time praying, reading Scripture and enjoying public worship and Holy huddles?

The Martha and Mary text does not cancel out significant parts of the Christian life, but it shows what the first priority is in the life of a disciple. In order to do God’s work with love for God and joy in one’s heart, a person must first spend time with God and enjoy His presence. It’s not plan, act, read and pray, it’s read, pray, plan, and then act. Christians are called to (1) listen to God, intently, (2) talk to God, relationally, and (3) ask of God, audaciously, while faithfully serving the Lord in this life.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

To learn how to engage with God while leading a life of service in His name.

Heart

To trust that God will satisfy the greatest longings of our souls in all moments and seasons of life.

Hands

To take time to enjoy God, listen to Him in His word and in prayer and speak to him appropriately as we set out to do His work in life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-Person Worship Services
THIS Sunday, August 30 at
9:30AM and 11:30AM.**

**Our 9:30AM service will be
streamed on Facebook and
Youtube**

**Please review our social
distancing policies:** [https://
brookline.mosaicboston.com/
covid-19](https://brookline.mosaicboston.com/covid-19)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 10:38-11:13

1. How is Luke 10:38-11:13 traditionally taught? What person in this section of text is normally praised? What does this teach us about the way in which we listen to the teachings of Christ? Why is Christ the "good portion"?
2. How can a traditional teaching of this text be applied incorrectly in the life of a Christian? What is the danger of pinning prayer and meditation against action and service in the Christian life?
3. What does this text teach about the level of priority of prayer/meditation and action/service? Why is it important to prioritize these activities appropriately while serving as a disciple of Christ?
4. How did Martha benefit from receiving Christ's hard, but loving words (hint: See John 11:21-27)? How do you receive correction that from the Word of God?
5. How does love for a person impact one's ability to listen and learn from that person?
6. **Read Luke 11:1-4.** What does this teach us about the way that we should talk to God in prayer?
7. What are the primary needs that we should ask God to address daily?
8. Does God lead Christians into temptation? What role do trials/temptations play in the life of a Christian?
9. **Read Luke 11:5-13.** What does this teach us about the way that we should talk to God in prayer (different than in 11:1-4)? How have you been audacious in your communication with God? What can you do regularly to ensure that your "wants" are good and Godly?