

1. Intro

- In today's passage, Jesus addresses a question from an expert in religious law about how to inherit eternal life. And then Jesus goes on to tell the man a parable we call "The Good Samaritan".
- Jesus also confronts a lady named Martha for being overly concerned and distracted about things that didn't matter in that moment, and it was causing her to miss the one thing that actually was worth being concerned about.

2. Text: Luke 10:25-42

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- Jesus agreed with the expert in religious law that the way to inherit eternal life is:
 - Love the Lord with **all** your heart, **all** your soul, **all** your strength, and **all** your mind.
 - Love your **neighbor** as yourself.
 - Jesus also answered that question a different way in other passages:
 - **John 6:26-29** "Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. **27** But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.'**28** They replied, 'We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?'" **29** Jesus told them, 'This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent.'"
 - **John 3:14-18** "And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. **16** 'For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **17** God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. **18** 'There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.'"
 - So, which is it? Love God and people perfectly or believe in Jesus? **Both!** But no one can actually love God and people perfectly.
- The expert in religious law asked Jesus, "Who is my **neighbor**?"

Luke 10:30-37

- Jesus taught that loving your neighbor means having compassion for and loving **everyone** the way God does.
- It's true that people aren't able to love God and others perfectly in order to gain eternal life, but it is also true that Jesus' followers are commanded to love God and others more and more perfectly.
 - Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-31, Romans 12:5, 20.
- So, we don't love God and others in order to inherit eternal life, but we do it because it is what Jesus' followers are called to do. It's what He does.

Luke 10:38-42

- We Christians are often **busy** & **distracted** doing good things, like Martha, but at the expense of doing the best thing - sitting at Jesus' feet and learning from Him.
 - Article from ChurchLeaders.com called, "7 Spiritual Consequences of Living a Busy, Hurried Life":
 - Living a hurried, busy life actually **impairs** us from loving God and others well and it keeps us from producing **eternal** fruit in our lives.

3. Application:

- Is hurry and busyness keeping you from sitting at Jesus' feet and learning from Him?
 - When is the best time of each day to intentionally pause from distractions and sit at Jesus feet? Fill in the blanks for the time you want to sit at Jesus' feet this week

_____ - _____ am OR _____ - _____ pm

- Note that Jesus and His disciples were all at Martha's house together listening to Jesus teach. What other Jesus followers can we meet with in order to learn from Him together?
 - **John 15:4-5** "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. 5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."