

I Choose Important Over Urgent



Week Four

Think back to Craig's message. What sticks out?

Key Scriptures

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to [Jesus] and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"
Luke 10:38-40 NIV

Choosing the Important

1. Create artificial deadlines
2. Be ruthlessly selective in your "yeses."
3. Do first what matters most.

More Scripture

1 Corinthians 6:12
Proverbs 4:25-27
Luke 21:34
1 Timothy 5:8
Romans 12:12
Matthew 7:13-14

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- If you got two extra hours each day, what would you do more of?
- Which word best describes your last few weeks? Relaxed, busy, full, fun, rewarding. Why?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read Luke 10:38-40. Do you identify with Mary or Martha? Explain.
- Why do you think we're tempted to allow urgent things to rule our lives?
- Craig said busyness does not equal productivity. What busyness can you cut out of your life?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Name three urgent things you need to do and three important things you need to do. Which are getting more of your time?
- Do you have a process or trick that reminds you to choose important over urgent? Share an example.
- What's the most important thing you've been too distracted to pursue? What do you need to stop doing to pursue it?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

- Jesus, You lived a short life here on earth yet accomplished the most important work of all. Thank You. Will You give us the strength to think long-term and people-first? Will You help us to refocus on what matters most? Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What are you saying "yes" to that you need to say "no" to? Share out loud, make a list, and create a deadline to take your first steps (like, today).
- Start the *I Choose* Bible Plan and hear from people who discovered how to choose *Important Over Urgent*. www.go2.lc/ichoose
- Make important change in your finances. Ask your campus about Financial Peace groups.