

The Oaks Community Church Worship Guide



July 31, 2022

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

“Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. He has showered His kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.”

Ephesians 1:4-8 (NLT)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

The Oaks Priority #4

We are an evangelistic church. We believe
in and proclaim the Gospel of Christ. God's
Only Son Provides Eternal Life.

“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 (NIV)

Whose Feet are You Sitting at?
The Discipleship & Spiritual Formation of Mary & Martha
Luke 10:38-42
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Part 1 –

A. Introduction

- Mirror Neurons
- Humans are designed to be disciples - we are designed to be shaped and formed by others

B. Teaching text - Luke 10:38-42 (ESV)

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” **41** But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

C. Review Luke

D. Background

- The Family - This is Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (the one raised from the dead)
 - John 11:5 “Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.”

- Cultural background –
 - Luke is highlighting women disciples once again
 - “Sitting at his feet” this was a saying for those who were disciples or follower of a certain teacher
 - Paul talks about how when he was young he “sat at the feet” of the Gamaliel in Acts 22:3

Part 2 –

A. Three Postures & Interactions

- Mary –
 - Listening
 - vs. 39: “who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching.”
- Martha –
 - Confronting
 - Vs. 40: But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”
- Jesus –
 - Discipling & Forming
 - He is teaching Mary at his feet
 - He Responds to Martha’s confrontation
 - **Vs. 41-42:** But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

B. Jesus’s Response

1. Jesus responds in love
2. Jesus does not focus on the behavior
3. Jesus responds to the heart
4. Jesus responds from His secure identity
 - a. Jesus is NOT a people pleaser
 - b. Jesus is the least anxious person to ever live
 - c. Jesus redirects and shares truth
 - i. Only 1 thing is needed

C. Mary & Martha Spiritual Formation continued

- Mary
 - 3 times at Jesus feet
 - Listening – Luke 10
 - Grieving – John 11
 - Anointing – John 12
- Martha
 - Confronting & Corrected - Luke 10
 - The Great Confession – John 11
 - Peter in Matthew 16:16
 - Martha in John 11:27
 - Contently Serving – John 12

Part 3 –

A. Review: This story is about Jesus!

- Jesus came to make disciples
- We as Christ-followers are called to be like Jesus in this story
 - How????

B. Spiritual Formation vs. Deformation

1. Spiritual formation is being formed to the image of Christ
 - Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son
2. Formation is social
 - Mirror neurons – we watch & learn from others
3. Formation is never neutral
 - We are always being formed to Christ’s image or deformed
4. Formation is intentional
 - James K.A. Smith - *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation*
 - We become what we *Gaze* upon
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - We become what we *Worship*
 - Psalm 115:4-8

- We become what we *Love*
 - Deuteronomy 6:5
 - Proverbs 4:23
 - Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

C. Prayer and Reflection

- Who is shaping you and forming you?
- Where are you being deformed?
- Whose feet are you sitting at?

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38 (NIV)

3 Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes

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