



Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42

Something to Start Us Off

- Are you the sort of person that tends to always be on the go? Or do you tend to be more contemplative?

Something to Notice

- What was Mary doing while Martha served?
- Looking closely at v.40, which word(s) do you think are key to understanding Martha's emotional state at this moment?
- Moving on to vv.41-42, which word(s) do you think are important in Jesus' response?

Something to Understand

Just a reminder, these two are the sisters of Lazarus, the one Jesus raised from the dead in John 11. Then in John 12, Mary anointed Jesus' feet with costly fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair.

- When we examine Martha's actions and attitude in this story, is there any part you would say is actually very good?
- What is it then that prompts Jesus to correct her?
- Taking a look now at Mary, what do you think is motivating her to listen to Jesus at this moment?
- How do we know when it is the right time to serve and when it is the right time to sit still and be more attentive to what Jesus is saying? Do you think we can know for sure?

Something to Take Home

- What are some ways we can practice "sitting at the feet of Jesus" to listen to his teaching.
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 10:38-42 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?