

GO DEEPER

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Share with the Group

Do you enjoy hosting and hospitality? Why/why not. What makes for a good host? When and why do you feel truly welcome in a space?

Read Luke 10:38-41

What do you observe about each character? (Jesus, Mary, Martha, the disciples)

What superficial difference do you see between Mary and Martha? What's the deeper difference between them?

What problem does Jesus diagnose in Martha?

Which of the two women is more reflective of your life with Jesus? Why?

In what ways do you demonstrate Mary's mature focus? In what ways do you demonstrate Martha's immature distraction? Try to be specific.

Read John 12:1-8

How does this story compare and contrast with the previous story of Jesus visiting Martha's house?

How do Mary and Martha both demonstrate maturity in this story?

What can we learn from the different ways Mary and Martha focus on Jesus?

Consider what Pastor Adam said about distraction being the enemy of maturity. Where/how have you experienced this reality in your own life?

What distractions are you most susceptible to?

When are you most easily distracted?

Are there good things that actually distract you from the one best thing?

What would it look like for you to ruthlessly eliminate distraction? Be specific.

Where can you start saying "no" for the sake of focusing on Jesus?

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