

Hosting: Choosing what is best

Texts: Luke 10:38-42

3 Characters: Martha, Mary, and Jesus

1st Character: Mary (Luke 10:39)

- There is nothing about you, no human category or mistake that keeps Jesus from welcoming you to be with Him.
- Being a follower of Jesus means learning to be with Him, think like Jesus, love what Jesus loves, and live like Jesus lived.

2nd Character: Martha (Luke 10:38, 40)

- To be distracted is to be pulled away
- It can be easy to get busy doing things for Jesus and not spend time being with Jesus.

Question for reflection:

- What is distracting/pulling me away from spending quality time with Jesus?

3rd Character: Jesus (Luke 10:41-42)

- Jesus confronts us in compassion, not condemnation.
- Jesus exposes how worldly expectations and pursuits motivate our misplaced priorities.
- Jesus invites us to examine our priorities that we would choose what is best.

*If you want to grow in following Jesus but do not have people in your life who can help you, email us at lifegroups@nbccoly.org and we will help connect you with someone or a life group.

Spiritual practice for November: Hospitality (see the program)

Meals with Jesus

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Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

Is there something God taught you this past week? Or is there something that happened that we can be praying about?

What have you been learning by working on the spiritual practice for this month?

Looking up:

Read Luke 10:38-42. Then, have someone retell the story in their own words.

When you hear this story, is there a word, character, or detail that stands out to you?

What part of the following statement from the sermon stands out to you and why? "Being a follower of Jesus means learning to be with Him, think like Jesus, love what Jesus loves, and live like Jesus lived."

What are the priorities in your life that are keeping you from choosing what is best and most important? What step can you make to change those?

Does this story bring any other Scriptures to mind? How does this story press you into prayer?

Pray: Pray according to what is shared. For example, confess apathy, misplaced priorities; express your desire to be with Jesus; etc.

Looking forward:

What step of obedience is Jesus inviting you to take?

Spiritual Practice for November: Hospitality

Spend time in prayer asking God to give you clarity on who you should invest in this month. Be intentional to open your table to them and to ask questions that will help you better understand their life.