

Gathering Time - Worship

Once a week, on a day of your choosing, we're asking you to make a discussion about priorities a priority. Use this as a guide for your time together with your family or friends. Perhaps the words on this paper will only be the beginning of your priority conversation. Blessings on your Gathering Time.

Read Luke 10:38-42

In this passage we find Jesus and his disciples being invited into the home of two sisters, Mary & Martha. Martha takes on the responsibility of preparing a meal for their guests. This is a great example of hospitality. Mary, on the other hand, places a priority on simply "sitting at Jesus' feet and listening" (v.39). Frustrated that she's having to do all the work, Martha reaches out to Jesus to see if he will encourage Mary to join her in the kitchen. Jesus has a very pointed response to Martha. He says that she is "upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one." He says that it's Mary who has chosen what is better.

What is it that Mary chose to do instead of helping in the kitchen? Why do you think Jesus approved of Mary sitting at his feet and listening? Hospitality is not a bad thing. There are lots of good things we can do to serve Jesus and serve others. What do you think it was about what Martha was doing that made Jesus say that what Mary was doing "was better?" What are some ways you can spend more time with Jesus and listen to what he says? How is this worship?

Pray together. Ask God to help you spend more time being with Jesus and listening to him. Pray that God would help you realize when you are being distracted—even by good things—so that you can get your priorities in order again.

