

Lessons from lives

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Martha & Mary:
Putting First Things First

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Martha & Mary

“As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.’ But the Lord said to her, ‘My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.’”

Luke 10:38-42

What we know

What is the ‘one thing’?

What happens when priorities get out of order?

How do we evaluate our priorities?

Memory Verse

“Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”
Psalm 86:11b

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Place my trust in Jesus Christ for the first time today
- Memorize Psalm 86:11b
- Ask God to help me to align my priorities with His
- Get the most out of this message by attending my CORE group this week.



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co-worker to join you next week at ERBC!

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QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Martha & Mary: Putting First Things First," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. What are the top priorities in your life? Do you think someone could discern your top priorities by looking at your calendar and bank statement? If we interviewed your friends and co-workers, do you think they could name your top priorities?

2. In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared the story of Martha and Mary. With which of these two characters do you most identify?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Genesis 25:27-34. Why do you think Esau was willing to sell something of such great value for something of such little? Do you think that people today are prone to make the same mistake? If so, how? Do you think Jacob was right or wrong for convincing his brother to sell his birthright? Why or why not? What ways have you found effective for avoiding temporal temptations in favor of your top priorities?

4. Read Matthew 13:44-46. What lesson do you think Jesus intends us to learn from these two parables? What costs have you experienced in your relationship with God? In verse 44, we're told that the individual sold everything "with joy." When you have needed to make sacrifices in your life for Christ, were they sacrifices that you made joyfully? Do you think there's a way to cultivate that joy? In this passage, the Kingdom of God is described as something of incredible worth. Do you think there are times in your life where you underestimate the value of your relationship with God? If so, why do you think that is?

5. Read Exodus 20:1-3. Do you think that putting other gods before our One true God (idolatry) is a sin that plagues Christians today? What are the gods or idols that are most often worshiped in our culture? What idols are you most prone to worship and why? Why do you think God prefaces the ten commandments with verse 2? How does verse 2 impact how we read and obey what follows? What steps must you take to ensure that God is continually your first priority in life?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What changes do you need to make to ensure that God is your number one priority?

7. How can the group be praying for you to make the necessary changes you need to make?

PRAYER REQUESTS