

Reflection Questions: Luke 10:38-42

For the message, "Our Crazy Busy Lives & The One Thing Necessary"
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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages.

INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Read the Scripture text: Luke 10:38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." **41** But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Bottom Line:

- The one thing that is necessary is to center our crazy busy lives upon Jesus.

QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- Jesus describes the one thing that is necessary in the midst of a million things we haven't done. From this passage, how would you describe the "one thing" that is necessary, the "portion" that Mary chose?
- Think about your own crazy busy life and how easy it is to fill up your calendar with all kinds of things. Describe your own struggle to center your life on Jesus. When do you find it easiest? When is it most difficult?
- How does embodying the central truth of Jesus' teaching in this passage help us become more fully and truly ourselves, the people God is creating us to be?
- When I forget this one thing necessary, what lies fill that vacuum? What wrong thoughts / priorities / assumptions result when we forget this truth?

2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- What comes to your mind when you imagine a group of Jesus' followers embodying the priority of the one thing necessary? Or to put it another way, how can we encourage one another to "let the word of Christ dwell in you (Greek: y'all) richly" (Colossians 3:16)?
- What is the cost if we are not transformed by this text? In other words, what is lost if we ignore the message? How would we get off track as a church?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- What kind of community is this text calling us to become for the sake of the world? In other words, how does this text form our missional identity to live out and proclaim the gospel of Jesus?
- What kind of new life / future in Christ is this text calling our city to experience?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?

PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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