LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: The Good Portion
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Luke 10:38-42

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Sermon Outline

The Story of Mary and Martha
I. A loving welcome (Luke 10:38)
II. A diverse home (Luke 10:39-40)
III. A brewing conflict (Luke 10:40)
IV. A frustrated host (Luke 10:40)
V. A troubled heart (Luke 10:41)

Encouragement from the Story of Mary and Martha:
1. Jesus loves those who are troubled in heart (Luke 10:41)
2. Jesus is available to those who are troubled in heart (Luke 10:42)
3. Jesus gives those who are troubled in heart what can never be taken away (Luke 10:42)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. What do you think Jesus would find if he came into your home? How do you think he'd react? Why?

3. Mary and Martha were glad to leverage their home in service to Jesus. What are some ways you might use some of what God has given you for his glory and for the good of others? What are some ways you're doing that right now?

4. Why is it good that God did not make all of us the same? Take a minute to scan through 1 Corinthians 12-14. What are some blessings that come from the diversity of God's people?

5. Why is conflict inevitable with other people? How does knowing that help you prepare for how to handle it? What are some verses and/or passages in the Bible that would help you work through conflict with someone else?

6. What are some different forms anger can take?

7. Why do you think we sometimes blame Jesus for the things that are frustrating to us? How would you gently correct a brother or sister in Christ who was struggling with grumbling against God?

8. In Luke 10:41, Jesus diagnoses what was going on in Martha's heart that had stirred up her irritation. Why is it important not only to address behaviors but also the heart?

9. Jesus responds to a troubled Martha with tenderness and care. How have you experienced Jesus responding that way with you? In what situations could you meet harshness (or selfishness, arrogance, etc.) with tenderness?

10. Why do you think we sometimes believe that Jesus won't be gentle when our heart is troubled?

11. What would it look like to take a step toward spending more time with Jesus?

12. Why is time with Jesus so important?