

# Welcome & Introductions

"How is it with you?"

How are you feeling?
How is your faith? your family? your health?
Are you struggling or celebrating?
Are you grieving or rejoicing?
Are you questioning faith?
Where have you found inspiration?

## **Praying Together**

Luke 10:38-42

### **Discussion**

What stands out to you in these passages? What piques your interest, raises questions, or is something new you've noticed about this story as you read it this time?

Who do you most identify with in this story—Mary or Martha?

What is the one necessary thing that Jesus is referring to? What does Mary do that Martha does not?

Have you ever found that the things you thought you needed to do were not what you needed to do most?

Final Thoughts?

'Till We Meet Again

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#### Luke 10:38-42

Common English Bible

<sup>38</sup> While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. <sup>40</sup> By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

<sup>41</sup> The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. <sup>42</sup> One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

#### Luke 10:38-42

The Message

<sup>38-40</sup> As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. "Master, don't you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand."

<sup>41-42</sup> The Master said, "Martha, dear Martha, you're fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it's the main course, and won't be taken from her."

#### Luke 10:38-42

New Revised Standard Version

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. <sup>[a]</sup> Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."