



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, October 29, 2023

AT THE TABLE

Martha's House – Luke 10:38-42

Read/Reflect

1. Imagine yourself in the place of Martha in the story. How would you have “received” Jesus into your home? What would you have done to make Him and His disciples feel welcomed?
2. Imagine yourself in the place of Martha again. How would you have reacted to Mary, your sister? Have you ever been in similar situations in your own life?
3. The words used (in the NIV Bible) in connection to Martha in this story are “distracted,” “worried,” and “upset.” How might exercising hospitality lead us to being distracted, worried and upset? Have you ever experienced this in your own life?

Explore

4. What preparations do you make before “receiving” people in your home when you exercise hospitality? How are you at “receiving” others’ offer of hospitality?
5. In the sermon, Shaun mentioned that the word used for hospitality in the Bible means “love of the stranger.” How might this change the way you understand and live out hospitality? What are the ways in which you could live out this kind of hospitality in your own life?
6. Have you ever been so busy doing things *for* Jesus that you were distracted *from* Jesus? If so, share your experience with your group. Also, how did you come to realize that you were distracted from Jesus?

Pray

- In the *Prayer Course*, Pete Greig shares the acronym P.R.A.Y. as a guide for our prayers. Try praying together as a group using these acronyms:
P stands for Pause. Pause and be silent before God. Center your heart’s attention on God.
R stands for Rejoice. Rejoice and thank God for all the good things that He has done and given in your life.
A stands for Ask. Ask God to reveal to you what has been distracting you from Jesus.
Y stands for Yield. Yield to God whatever He reveals in your heart that has been distracting you from Jesus.