

For the Family

Tell the Story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:30-36.

Discuss together how the Priest was too busy to stop and help the man who had been robbed and left for dead. It would have cost him time and money to help and he didn't want to do that.

The Levite was too busy to stop and help. Maybe he was tired of traveling, and didn't want to spend the energy to help.

The Samaritan took the time to help. He took care of the man, even though it cost him time, energy, and money. He wasn't too busy to help.

Read together Luke 10:38-42, the story of Martha and Mary.

Discuss together how Martha was too busy to listen to Jesus. She was busy doing good things, but was also mad that Mary wasn't helping her. Jesus told her that she was distracted with her chores, and forgot to take time to listen to him.

Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to Jesus. Even though there were things to do, Mary stopped to listen to Jesus. Jesus said that was a good thing for her to do.

Talk together about how important it is to every day listen to Jesus. Talk about ways to do that: We can read our Bible, pray, and go to church and Sunday School or small group.

Talk together about how important it is to every day look for ways to love others by helping them. We can do our chores, be helpful at school or work, and help the needy.

Pray together that every day you won't get too busy to listen to Jesus or to love others. Pray that you will learn how to take the time to listen and to love.

Memory Verse – Luke 10:41-42:

But the Lord answered her,

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”



*The Journey of Discipleship
Luke 9:9-19*

Dangers of a Busy Life
Luke 10:38-42

Our Story So Far – Luke 9:51-10:37

Jesus is determined to go to Jerusalem to fulfill his mission.

He sends messengers into Samaria, but they are rejected.

He tells three stories of the cost of following him.

He sends out more missionaries, who return with stories of their authority over demons.

Jesus commends them, and tells them that Satan is falling from heaven because of their work.

He also tells them that something more important is having their names written in heaven.

Last Week:

A lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life.

Jesus asks him what is written in the law.

The man responds, “To love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus commends his answer and “Do this, and you will live.”

The lawyer presses Jesus further, asking who his neighbor is.

Jesus responds by telling a story where a hated Samaritan helps a man in trouble, after a priest and a Levite had refused to help.

“Which of these was a neighbor?” Jesus asks.

“The one who showed mercy,” the lawyer concedes.

Jesus challenges him a second time, “Go and do likewise.”

This Week's Story: Luke 10:38-42

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

The Story

When Jesus arrives, what choices do Martha and Mary make?

Martha:

Mary:

What attitudes do they display toward Jesus?

Martha:

Mary:

What does Jesus say concerning them?

Martha:

Mary:

Do you relate more to Martha or to Mary?

Anxiety

Read Luke 8:4-8; 11-15

Notice verse 14: And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

Jesus names three categories of "thorns" that can stop disciples from bearing fruit.

Name some specific examples for each category:

Cares:

Riches:

Pleasures:

Are any of these preventing you from producing fruit?

What "weeds" do you need to pull out of your garden?

Loving God and Loving Others

The lawyer was more concerned with justifying himself than he was being concerned for others. Jesus gave him the example of a good Samaritan.

Where do you land on the following scale?

Self-Justification

Concern for Others

What changes can you make to lessen your self-justification and increase your concern for others?

Martha was so pre-occupied with serving that she missed a chance to listen to God. Jesus gave her the example of Mary, who sat at Jesus feet and listened.

Where do you land on the following scale?

Self-Preoccupation

Focus on God

What changes can you make to lessen your self-preoccupation and increase your focus on God?

Next Steps:

- I will keep first things first and not allow anything to take the place of Jesus.
 - I will make my personal relationship with Jesus a priority.
 - One way I can spend time with Jesus this week is by
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