

THE MAIN COURSE

Luke 10:38-42

- Being focused on good things can distract you from the best thing—Jesus Himself. *Luke 10:38-40a*
- Serving Jesus without relationship with Jesus breeds resentment. *Luke 10:40b*
- Absorbing the Word of God with humility and intentionality is the one essential thing we need most. *Luke 10:41-42*



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Luke 10:38-42. What do you think Martha was thinking? How would you describe Martha's error? What did she do wrong?
2. What are some things (whether good or not so good) that can distract you from maintaining a strong relationship with Jesus through His Word and prayer?
3. How was Martha's error like that found in the following verses: 1 Sam 15:22, Hosea 6:6, Matthew 15:8-9, Isaiah 1:11, Micah 6:6-8, Psalm 51:16-17?
4. How is resentment of others a sign of a broken relationship with Jesus? How can we remedy this?
5. Have you ever fallen into service to Jesus that erodes your relationship with Jesus?
6. Read Luke 10:40-42. What stands out to you about Mary's example? How do you see both humility and intentionality in her? (see Psalm 131, Matt 4:4)
7. Read Jesus' gentle rebuke in Luke 10:41-42. What stands out to you in this? In your life, what does it look like to choose the good portion and absorb God's Word with humility and intentionality?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I believe I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it until now. I have come further in!"
— C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle

