

MARTHA & MARY
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LUKE 10:38-42

INTRODUCTION

PRINCIPLE #1: How different the temperaments & characters of true Christians can be!

CONTEXT

❶ WHEN?

- ▶ During the last months of Jesus' earthly ministry
- ▶ During a time when Jesus was crazy busy
- ▶ Jesus was headed to Jerusalem & the cross (Luke 9:51)

❷ WHERE? The village of Bethany (just 2 miles outside of Jerusalem)

THE WRONG KIND OF KINDNESS

PRINCIPLE #2: So often we want to be kind to people – but we want to be kind to them in our way.

PRINCIPLE #3: We must beware of the effect the cares of this world have on us.

PRINCIPLE #4: Hold material blessings & creature comforts with a loose grip.

LOOK CAREFULLY AT MARY

▶ Luke 10:39 – *Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.*

PRINCIPLE #4: Get the one thing nailed down in your life & then build everything else around it.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The true secret to spiritual success is...

a focus on spending time WITH your Lord,
rather than just doing things FOR your Lord.

- I will be praying for The Bridge and the Hansens during this time of transition.
- I'm taking the ONE THING challenge this week... 10 minutes of Bible & prayer per day.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

1. **READ Luke 10:38-42.** Why is Martha so upset and frustrated?
2. **READ John 11:17-44.** Combined with the text in Luke, describe the basic temperaments or personalities of the two sisters. (Notice in Luke who owns the home.)
 - Mary:
 - Martha:
3. Do you identify more with Mary or Martha? Why?
4. What are the strengths of being a “Martha” in life and ministry? What are the weaknesses?

5. When have you found yourself recently in a Martha-like frenzy? What was your source of worry?
6. What are the strengths of being a “Mary” in life and ministry? What are the weaknesses?
7. When have you found yourself recently able to “rest at the Lord’s feet and listen to Him”? What were some results of being able to do that?
8. What is one thing you need to do this week in response to this study?

As you close in prayer, try to spend a little extra time just being quiet in the Lord’s presence. Write down some of the thoughts that come to mind.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.