

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Discipleship: Living with Jesus

1. As you read through the story of Jesus staying at the home of Martha (Luke 10 v 38-42), which character of the story can you most relate with in this moment of your life and why?
2. What is the significance of Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus?
3. Martha's serving of Jesus distracted her from Jesus – can you think of a time when you fell into the same trap? Discuss.
4. "Distraction is the primary spiritual problem in our day" (Richard Foster, pastor and author) – Agree/disagree? Discuss.
5. What led Martha to the point where she started telling Jesus (the LORD) what to do?
6. In Jesus' words, Martha became 'anxious and troubled about many things' – what are the 'many things' that you have a tendency to worry about in life?
7. What was the necessary 'one thing' that Mary chose? (Discipleship) – what does 'discipleship' mean to you? How does the idea of discipleship as being an 'apprentice of Jesus' change the way you think about it?
8. Doing *life with Jesus* in every moment – in our work, play, rest etc. – is an essential part of discipleship – what things might help us to be more present to Jesus (and His presence with us) in our everyday lives?
9. "Think often on God, by day, by night, in your business and even in your diversions. He is always near you and with you; *leave him not alone.*" (Brother Lawrence) – discuss.

10. SEE Jesus (imagining him in prayer)... HEAR Jesus (listening to/for his voice)... OBEY Jesus (putting his words into practice) – these 3 things can help cultivate a more real sense of Jesus' presence in our lives, and lead to deeper intimacy with Him – which of these 3 things might God be challenging you on the most at this time of your life?