At the Home of Martha and Mary - Luke 10:38-42

Topics: Choices, Family, Hospitality, Jealousy, Listening, Preparation

Open It

- * 1. What is your home like shortly before guests arrive?
 - 2. What do you enjoy about formal or informal dinners? Why?
 - 3. What is involved in clean-up at your house?

Explore It

- 4. What did Martha do for Jesus and His disciples? (10:38)
- 5. Who was Mary? (10:39)
- 6. Where was Mary while Jesus was talking? (10:39)
- * 7. What did Mary do while Martha attended to household preparations? (10:39-40)
 - 8. How much could Martha concentrate on Jesus' words while preparing for her guests? (10:40)
 - 9. Of what did Martha accuse Jesus? (10:40)
- * 10. Of what did Martha accuse her sister? (10:40)
 - 11. What did Martha want Jesus to do? (10:40)
 - 12. How did Jesus try to calm down Martha? (10:41)
- * 13. What did Jesus think of the sisters' choices? (10:41-42)

Get It

- 14. How would you describe the "Marys" (male and female) that you know?
- 15. To what extent do you resemble the hurried, frantic personality of Martha?
- * 16. If you had been Martha in this situation, how would you have reacted to your sister's choice?
 - 17. What did Jesus mean when He said that "only one thing is needed"?
- * 18. Why did Jesus favor Mary's choice?
 - 19. In what way do you identify with Mary's choice in your relationship to Jesus?

Apply It

- 20. What events or opportunities are coming up in which you can focus on being a student of Christ?
- * 21. What steps can you take this week to help a friend with domestic tasks so that he or she can have more time to pray or read the Bible?