

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Dinner with Jesus
August 10
Luke 10:38-42

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

What does it look like to slow down and truly enjoy time with Jesus?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: The Better Portion

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Discussion Questions:

1. What distracts you the most from spending regular, meaningful time with Jesus—and how can you begin to re-center Him in your daily life?
2. Why do you think Jesus praised Mary's choice to sit at His feet, even when there was so much to be done?
3. In Luke 10:41–42, Jesus says that “only one thing is necessary.” Based on the context, what do you think that “one thing” is—and why does Jesus call it “the better portion”?
4. In what ways can service for Jesus unintentionally become a substitute for a relationship with Him?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

Hospitality is more than service; it's about being with Jesus and finding our deepest delight in Him. What is God challenging you in your heart and what we learned about not being distracted from time with God.

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply these scriptures in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us understand what the real portion is about.