

Discussion & Reflection Questions
Greater Things - Week 5 - 20th of July 2025

Read: Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Questions

1. Do you have an immediate connection/affinity to either Mary or Martha?
2. Why do you think Martha was so upset with her sister?
3. In what ways might we relate to Martha's frustration when others don't seem to "pull their weight"?
4. How does this passage challenge the modern tendency to define identity by productivity or busyness?
5. How does Jesus' gentle response to Martha reflect his pastoral care rather than condemnation? Does it also reflect his affirmation that service is still important?
6. How might this passage encourage us to reframe "doing for Jesus" versus "being with Jesus"?
7. In what ways might your identity have become tied to what you do, rather than who you are in Christ?
8. How can your service or ministry become more fruitful when it flows from sitting first at the feet of Jesus?

Prayer

O God, you alone can order our unruly wills and affections: teach us to love what you command, and to desire what you promise, that, among the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.