

Homes in Bethany

Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-44; John 12:1-8

1. Greet the other women at your table and introduce yourself. What are some things you enjoy about welcoming others into your home? Are there times it is stressful? Please share.
2. Read Luke 10:38-42. How would you describe Martha to someone else? What stands out to YOU about Martha?
3. How would you describe Mary to someone else? What would you say is the “good portion” that Mary has chosen?

In Mary and Martha’s day women were not permitted to sit and learn from rabbis. What does it say about Jesus that Mary sits at His feet as He teaches?

What does Jesus want Martha to understand as He answers Martha’s request concerning Mary?

4. Now read John 11:1-6 and describe what has happened since Jesus visited with Mary and Martha.

What might be the divine purpose behind Lazarus’ illness according to Jesus in verse 4?

Why is Jesus’ two-day delay surprising?

5. Now read John 11:17-27. How do the sisters react differently when Jesus arrives according to verse 20?

What does Martha believe would have happened if Jesus had been there?

What powerful statement does Jesus make in verses 25-26? How has this statement by Jesus been personally important in your life?

What 3 things does Martha now confess about Jesus in verse 27?

6. Read John 11:28-29, 32. What does Mary do when Jesus calls her?

What does her reaction tell you about her relationship with Jesus? How do her words and actions toward Him reveal her faith?

7. Read John 11:38-44. Picture yourself at Lazarus’ tomb. Describe your reactions if you had witnessed this scene.

How do you think others who were there reacted?

8. Read John 12:1-8. How are Mary’s actions an act of worship and devotion for Jesus?

Share your favorite ways to worship Jesus.

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Jesus Brings Love

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- Martha eagerly welcomes Jesus to her home though others had not welcomed Him.
- Jesus' unconditional love for women is evident as Mary sits at His feet defying cultural norms.
- Martha acknowledges Jesus' authority in her home by addressing Him as Lord.
- Distractions keep Martha from recognizing Jesus' loving actions in her home.
- Jesus lovingly redirects her misplaced priorities and points her to the better choice of discipleship.

Welcome Jesus eagerly into your home!

Guard yourself from distractions which keep you from growing in your relationship with Jesus.

Look _____ for the many ways Jesus lavishes His love on you and others in your home.

Jesus Brings Life

John 11:1-44

- Jesus reveals the divine purpose behind Lazarus' illness.
- Lazarus' death provides an opportunity for Jesus' disciples to strengthen their belief.
- Jesus reveals to Martha that He will personally provide resurrection and eternal life.
- Martha places her faith fully on the person of Jesus as she professes He is the Messiah.
- Jesus grieves over the consequences of sin and death He witnesses at the tomb.
- With one command from Jesus, Lazarus, buried for four days, walks out of his tomb.

Place a _____ on sharing Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life in your home.

Help others strengthen their belief by telling your salvation story when possible.

Remember in life's toughest moments, God's divine purposes are at work.

Jesus Receives Worship and Devotion

John 12:1-8

- Mary worships at the feet of Jesus as she expresses her love and devotion in a unique way.
- Jesus receives Mary's worship and validates her choice to anoint Him with costly perfume.

Worship Jesus at all costs.

_____ Him with your devotion and gratitude.

Be grateful every day for His presence in your life.

Key: expectantly, high priority, Lavish

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LUKE 9:51-53 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

GALATIANS 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:31 [S]o that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

ISAIAH 59:2 [B]ut your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

ROMANS 3:23 [F]or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

ROMANS 6:23a For the wages of sin is death.

JOHN 14:16-17 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

MATTHEW 28:20b “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”