



Luke 10:38-42 Communing With Christ

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Knowing Jesus is the great priority of our lives. While Martha was busy serving Jesus, Mary spent time with Jesus, listening to His word. Jesus praised Mary's behavior as being "better" than Martha's.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

If we are going to get to know Jesus better, we must...

1. Spend time with Him

- Why is spending time with God important? What happens to our faith, obedience, or intimacy with God, when we fail to spend time with Him?
- What prevents you from spending time with God? What are your "distractions"? Why is slowing down so hard? What does repentance look like for you?
- Matthew defined spending time with God as "conscious and intentional time spent with your heart, mind, soul, and strength focused upon the Lord."
- Why is serving Jesus (religious activity) not a substitute for knowing Jesus?
- What is easy about serving, and what is hard about savoring?

2. Make His Word central to our pursuit

- Why must the Word be central to knowing Jesus?
- What is unique about the Bible? What does the Bible being "living and active" mean?
- What has been your experience in reading God's Word?
- Is the Word central to your time with God? If not, what is central? How do you make God's word central to your time?

3. Seek Him by Faith

- Why is it important to seek the Lord by faith? Why does the Bible say only those with faith can please the Lord? Why is knowing the Bible not enough?
- What does time with the Lord turn into if there is no faith?

4. General Questions

- How was your walk with the Lord challenged? What were you convicted about? How were you particularly encouraged?
- What is the net effect of spending time with God in His Word and with faith? How does this relate to the health of your own soul? Your vibrancy and intimacy of relationship with God?
- How does this connect to the mission and calling of God on your life?
- How can you hold each other accountable this year to seek to know Jesus?
- If you don't have a game plan for communing with the Lord, come up with one. Make it daily (tangible and achievable), and include both the Word and prayer in your time.

PRAYER

Spend time in prayer with one another about the things that came up during discussion.

Harvest Prayer Week 2017

At Harvest, we firmly believe that prayer is the hard work of God's people to prepare for and walk in all His purposes for us. We look forward to uniting ourselves in prayer this week as we look eagerly to all he will do among and through us in 2017.

1. **Monday: God**—How we live our lives is a direct overflow of our view of God himself. Spend today meditating on God's character and worshipping God for who he is and what he's done.
2. **Tuesday: Personal Godliness**—God's heart for all of us is that we be regularly become more and more like Jesus. Spend time today asking the Lord to reveal your sin, give you grace, and show you areas to godliness this year.
3. **Wednesday: Community**—God has made us to live life together. Spend time today praying for the people/families in your community group that God would grow and use you all together in mighty ways for his glory this year.
4. **Thursday: Harvest**—Spend today praying for our faith family, Harvest. Pray that God's will would guide us and his Spirit would drive us to love the gospel and do all we can to be a church that dwells in unity to the glory of God.
5. **Friday: Raleigh-Durham**—Spend today praying for the Lord's work in our local area. Pray for God to show you where and how he is working locally. Pray for God to move mightily in salvation here in the RDU area.
6. **Saturday: The Nations**—Ultimately, God's heart is that the nations bow in worship to Christ. Pray today for unreached people groups, missionaries in difficult places and for God to open the eyes of the nations to the beauty of the gospel.