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January 6 & 7

Living Out My Priorities

WEEK 2 • LUKE 10:38-42

OPENING QUESTIONS

- 1. Share an experience in which you captured the picture at just the right moment. Adversely, describe a time when you tried to capture a moment but missed it.
- 2. Have you had a time in your life when you weren't very enthusiastic about letting Jesus into your life?

IN THE WORD

- How would you describe Jesus' attitude toward Martha when she insists that He "tell her to help me" in Luke 10:40? Do you think He was feeling at that moment? (angry, patient, disappointed, etc.)
- 2. Verse 40 also tells us that Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. How do you think Jesus would have handled the situation if both Martha and Mary chose "what was better"? How would He advise us to balance realistic needs and spiritual priorities?
- 3. How do Mary's actions in John 12:1-8 reveal that she valued relationships more than activity? What is she criticized for this time?
- 4. Would it have been wrong for Mary to use the expensive perfume in John 12 to help the poor?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

- 1. What could you do to improve your chances of "seizing the moments" that God gives you with your family and/or with those outside your family?
- 2. Does it bother you if things aren't prepared and perfect when you feel you are in charge?
- 3. When criticized, are you more inclined to yield/surrender or dig in/resist?
- 4. In the book *First Things First*, the authors ask "Are you living by the clock or by the compass?" If you focus more on guiding principles (compass), how will this help you choose when to accept criticism and when to keep your principles in spite of criticism?
- 5. How should we handle a situation when someone else doesn't pull their weight and their neglect results in an increase in our workload? Do you think Jesus would apply these verses to your situation or are your circumstances different from the story of Martha and Mary?
- 6. Take a moment to consider some of the good goals you might have for the future. Are there any of those goals that might overshadow what is most important to God?

CONTINUED LEARNING

Read the account about the death of Mary and Martha's brother, Lazarus, in John 11:1-44. As you read, look carefully for verses that might indicate attitudes and priorities Martha and Mary held. Are these the same values, or different, than what we see in Luke 10?

Notes & Prayers

