

## TOO BUSY FOR THE BIBLE? // Luke 10:38-42

*Morning message from the series, The Gospel of Luke*

**Main Point of the Text:** Hearing the voice of God is the main priority of the Christian life.

Are God's priorities our priorities? In this challenging season, are we moving toward spiritual entropy, unravelling, or are we seeing growth through the pursuit of spiritual disciplines?

### Five Reasons You Should Never Be Too Busy for the Bible:

#### 1. The service of hospitality is always a good thing, but it is never the best thing (v. 38)

This passage is not about pitting Martha against Mary. Martha had a heart for Jesus, but it is easy to misplace priorities.

#### 2. Learning what God has said is the basis of true Christian discipleship (v.39)

Christians may feel a tension between busyness/activity and learning the Bible, but the priority must be on the Bible—it is the Word of God and when God speaks, we should listen.

- a. Mary's priority of the Word: she made a conscious choice to be in the room with the Word.
- b. Mary's posture toward the Word: sitting at the feet of Jesus as a student.
- c. Mary's progress in the Word: Mary's listening assumes she is learning and her learning assumes progress.

#### 3. Sitting at the Lord's feet takes priority over serving in the Lord's ministry (v.40a)

Serving is a symptom of your spiritual walk: you don't serve to know Christ—you know Christ through the Bible and prayer, and then you serve as an outflow of knowing him.

#### 4. A distracted life often leads to a bad attitude contrary to the work of the true ministry (v. 40b)

- a. Martha interrupted the work of the ministry
- b. Martha indicted the Lord of the ministry—her comments were made toward Jesus rather than Mary
- c. Martha imposed upon the recipient of the ministry—she wanted Jesus to stop his ministry and give her the person to whom he had been ministering

#### 5. Jesus does not want your ability for him as much as he wants your attention to him (v.41-42)

Like Martha, we may find ourselves worried, distracted, and anxious about many things. We may feel the responsibility is on us. But it is not—it is on Jesus. We are to choose the good portion: feasting on the true Word.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has God given you a model disciple like Mary in your life to imitate?
2. What practical steps can we take to prioritize sitting at the feet of Jesus, feasting on his Word?
3. Are we worried about many things? What distractions could be keeping us from choosing the good portion?