

1. How often does the word "busy" cross your lips in a week? Do you agree with the statement: "We no longer have a scarcity of jewelry, money or cars. In our busyness we have made ourselves the scarce resource"? Why or why not?

Read Luke 10:38-41

- 2. Martha's actions as a hostess fit the cultural expectations of the day. What are the cultural expectations of our day which inform the way we use our time?
- 3. Luke 10:40 describes Martha as distracted: "over-occupied" or "too busy about a thing." Describe a time in which you found yourself "over-occupied" with good things but missing the "one thing" illustrated in this passage.
- 4. Read Luke 10:25-27. What was the question asked of Jesus? What was his response? After telling the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus replied "Go and do likewise." How does pretext change the story of Mary and Martha?
- 5. Doing things FOR Jesus can prevent us from being WITH Jesus. Martha continued to be a servant. In John 12:1-3 we see her once again serving Jesus and the disciples. What is different about the way in which she served?
- 6. Take some time this week to consider your schedule. Is your schedule truly a reflection of the things you intend to be your priorities? Are you intentionally choosing the "good portion" or simply filling up on empty fillers?
- 7. What are you going to do about it?