

The Most Important Thing Ever

Luke 10:38-42

Bulletin Notes

Make knowing Jesus the supreme priority of your life.

Why we struggle...

- 1) We fill our lives with distractions and self-imposed demands.
- 2) We value doing for God more than being with God.
- 3) We believe we already know all there is to know.

Make a regular practice of *sitting with Jesus*...

- 1) *Enjoy the simple presence of God in silence, without the need to offer words.*
 - 2) *Listen for God's word to me in Scripture for this particular moment.*
 - 3) *Thoughtfully express to God the thoughts and feelings of my mind and heart.*
- Rich Villodas

Looking Back

Lots of things vie for our attention. This is not only true of life in general but of the spiritual life as well. So many things to do, people to see and places to be. How do we prioritize? And more importantly, what do we prioritize? The story of two imperfect disciples in Luke 10 helps show us the way.

Thinking It Through (agree/disagree/consider/contemplate)

*What makes a fire burn
is space between the logs,
a breathing space.
Too much of a good thing,
too many logs
packed in too tight
can douse the flames*

Excerpt from Fire by Judy Brown

"I don't believe in God. I know God." Carl Jung

"God reserves the greatest depths of His heart for those who seek Him over time." Unknown

"Your practices enshrine your priorities." Glenn Packiam

Working It Out

1. Read Luke 10:38-42. Who do you relate to most in this story and why?
2. What adjectives are we given in this text that describe Martha?
3. What do you imagine Martha's response was to Jesus' statement in v. 41-42?
4. Of the three reasons Matt gave for why we struggle to prioritize knowing Jesus, which one resonates most with you?
 - 1) We fill our lives with distractions and self-imposed demands.
 - 2) We value doing for God more than being with God.
 - 3) We believe we already know all there is to know.
5. How are you doing personally right now at prioritizing knowing Jesus?
6. Are there any next steps you can take right now, to begin a practice of sitting with Jesus?

Here are the three encouragements from Rich Villodas that Matt shared:

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