

Home Group Notes
Prioritize Sitting At Jesus' Feet
Week of March 11, 2018

NOTES TO LEADERS: FOCUS OF THE WEEK: *Just as Martha got absorbed into her work of preparations (which was a good thing), she missed the higher priority of sitting at Jesus' feet.*

SHARE IT

What is something that can totally absorb you? Can this sometimes cause you to miss more important things?

NOTES TO LEADERS: *For me (Steve), I can get so engrossed in a project that I miss the more important of doing things together or having fun or nurturing people around me. Also, sometimes we so want to 'win' that we end up 'losing' people in our lives.*

STUDY THE BIBLE

Read the following verses about 'how to prioritize one's life.'

Matthew 5:6 –prioritizing the more important things like righteousness

Matthew 6:24-25, 33 – *seeking first the kingdom of God*

Mark 8:36-37 – *While pursuing the things of this world, one could sacrifice one's very soul.*

Luke 12:34 – *What we treasure reveals where our heart is. What do I treasure? What makes my priority list?*

Acts 20:24 – *Is my first priority focusing on the tasks that the Lord has given me?*

Ephesians 5:15-16 - *We are to live wise, making the most of opportunities.*

Read what Jesus taught in Luke 10:38-42. What stands out to you?

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DISCUSS TOGETHER

What stood out to you in the scriptures above? What matters more?

What kinds of things distract us? What do we want from these?

NOTES TO LEADERS: *Americans have a difficult time living for God's glory and kingdom as their highest priority. Because we live in the land of opportunity and plenty, we go after anything that pleases ourselves. I believe that what we want is the benefits we had in 'the garden' – things that please us our senses, give us purpose (cf. naming the animals, ruling the world), and companionship. All these are what we have in Jesus in heaven.*

What helps us keep our highest priorities? How can we help one another?

NOTES TO LEADERS: *I believe these things help us: (1) Continually seeing and knowing our glorious God, being satisfied in Him, living in a love relationship, (2) Being with people who love and live in Jesus, and (3) being on mission, fulfilling God's calling on our lives which results in true significance and meaning.*

How might this help us be rooted in Jesus and reach our worlds?

NOTES TO LEADERS: *As we live for the highest priorities (see above), people in our worlds see that we have His love, purpose / significance, joy, and peace. These are what they are seeking. Then, we have opportunity to invest and invite them into a relationship with Him and us.*

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Pick a time this week when you can just 'sit and listen at the Lord's feet.' Share your experience with your group.

NOTES TO LEADERS: *Because you are investing in the lives of others, I pray that you will make it a priority to have some time with Jesus. I usually like to bring a Bible, a journal, and some worship music. It can be in the warm spot of your home, at a park, or at a getaway. May our Lord reveal His truth and grace to you.*

Love you all,
Steve