

First Things First

Luke 10: 38-42

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1. Sometimes good things distract us from the best thing.
2. Sometimes good things become substitutes from the best.
3. Good things in this life are temporary but the things of God are eternal.

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM AUGUST 19, 2018 SERMON

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- 1. Why do some people find it so hard to put energy and focus on the priority things in life?**
- 2. What was Martha's focus? Was Martha doing anything that we would declare as openly wrong? What was right and normal about Martha's activity?**
- 3. What was Martha's opinion about Mary's activity? Do we sometimes compare our own Christian Action to others? Give examples.**
- 4. Note Martha's statement – tell her to help me. Do we ever demand God do some things in a rather bossy way?**
- 5. What did Jesus mean by “only one thing is needed”? What is the most important thing a believer can spend time and energy doing?**
- 6. What did Jesus mean by “it will not be taken from her”? What is it that Mary was focusing on that is forever?**
- 7. What kind of good things do we do that take away our time and energy to do the best things? Discuss what you think the best thing Jesus referred to would be.**