

AM I Called?: Called to Follow Jesus

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Pair people up—one plays “God” and the other plays “someone asking their calling.” The “caller” asks, “ God, am I called?” Responds with an encouraging or humorous answer. Example responses: I’ve been calling you, but you keep putting me on hold!” . Also, “Your gifts are ready for use—no experience required!”

WORD

This four weeks series will help us answer the question “Am I Called?” By exploring the primary calling of all Christ-followers, we will see that we are called to follow Jesus and make disciples where ever we are in our life. At the end of this series we will learn and understand that discipleship is a call to follow Jesus, to do life together with other believers and to share the good news to the lost.

Luke 10:38-42 NIV

[38] Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. [39] And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. [40] But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” [41] But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, [42] but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

We finished our series, “The Cross”, together, we explored how the cross of Christ is so essential in our lives. We had learned how an encounter with Jesus and understanding the cross can transform our lives.

There is a huge difference between knowing Christ and experiencing the Cross. God reveals the identity of His Son to the cross. And the cross of Christ is a place of revelation, transformation and decision that only in God’s power can change a, “Tormenter to Worshiper,” “a Sinner to Saint .”

Matthew 4:19 NIV

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said..

At the cross, God did not just revealed the identity of His Son so that we would know whom we are following, but Christ called us to follow him. But what does it mean to follow him?

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

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As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.

Where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. Martha, along with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus, was a close friend of Jesus. Martha is known for her hospitality and leadership in her household while Mary’s desire is to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen to His teaching.

Heres the contrast of Martha and Mary on this passage

MARTHA	MARY
Is known for her hospitality and leadership	A disciple

MARTHA	MARY
She highlight a welcoming gesture in Jewish culture	She knows her priority
She knows the core values and upholds them	She broke the norm

DISCUSSION

Do you relate more to Martha (busy worker) or Mary (the listener at Jesus` feet) Why?

WORD

We learned the contrast of Martha and Mary. Martha is a Leader and Mary is a Disciple. Martha is a SERVANT and Mary is a FOLLOWER. As Christ Jesus Followers, we need both. If we are called to be His disciples, both are essential. Follow Jesus and Serve Jesus.

Matthew 4:19 (NIV).

““Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.””

Matthew 20:28 (NIV).

“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.””

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

Our calling involves Devotion (Mary) and Action (Martha). Worship fuels service, and service demonstrates love.

1. CALLED TO FOLLOW. Luke 10:40 NIV

[40] But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”

Another contrast of Martha and Mary

MARTHA	MARY
Opened her house as a symbol of action and love	She sat at Jesus` feet as a symbol of devotion and learning
She was distracted, worried and upset by her preparations	She is focus
Prioritize Action	She focus on Jesu first

2. CALLED TO PRIORITIZE Luke 10:41-42 NIV [41] But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, [42] but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Mary has chosen what is better, “Mary prioritized Jesus’ words over work, showing that being with Christ is more valuable than doing for Christ.

And it will not be taken away from her, “Unlike material things, spiritual growth and a relationship with Jesus are eternal.

1. Spiritual priorities matter: Serving is good, but sitting at Jesus’ feet is first and priority.

2. Avoiding distractions: Worry and busyness can take our focus away from God that matter most.

3. The importance of personal devotion: Time spent with Jesus is invaluable and lasting.

3. CALLED TO RESPOND.

Called to follow Jesus is personal. Like Mary, she prioritized her time with Jesus through worship, scriptures (God's word) and prayer is personal. True discipleship begins at Jesus feet. Called to follow him, is a call to live in community. Martha and Mary were in the same home but experienced Jesus differently.

DISCUSSION

Jesus said, "Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her. "What does this teach us about priorities in our spiritual life?"

LIFE APPLICATION

We experience Jesus differently that's why it is so important to live and support one another in our calling. Let us choose what is best. *"If we priorities God, we will never comes second."* Meaning if we priorities God, He will prioritize us. God is a rewarding God but God does not reward us based on what we do but by His grace and love to us.

Jesus wants to visit with us all the time, and calling us to focus on one thing that matters most, to spend time with him so that we can demonstrate his love to others.

DISCUSSION

How can we balance serving (Martha`s role) and spending time with Jesus (Mary`s role) in our daily lives?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Psalms 27:4 (NIV)

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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