



**WEST
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CHURCH**

Week 10

Series: *Equipped*

Sermon Title: The Most Important Thing

Sermon Text: Luke 10:38-42

Group Week of: June 30, 2024

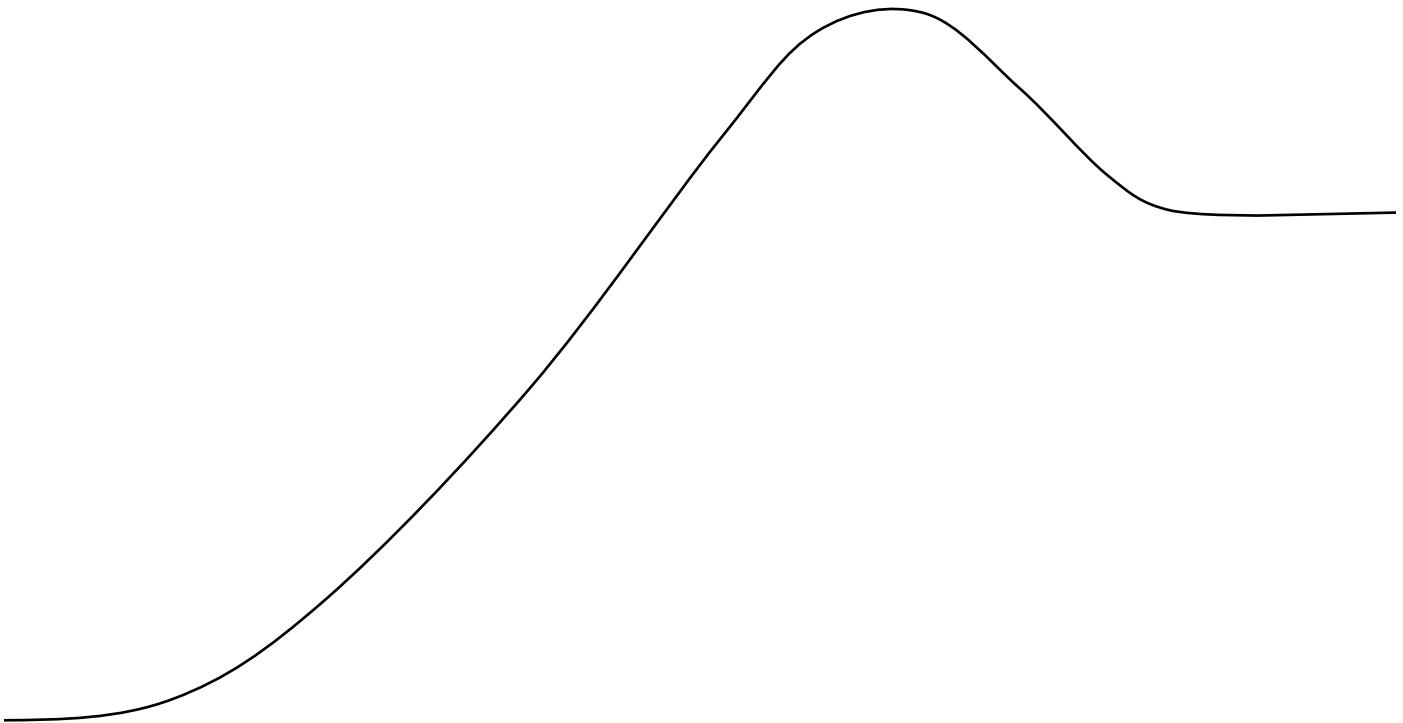
Sermon Date: July 7, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	The Greatest Command – Deut. 6:4-9
Day 2	A Time for Everything – Eccle. 3:1-9
Day 3	Importance of Work – 2 Thess 3:6-15
Day 4	A Living Sacrifice – Romans 12:1-2
Day 5	Christ is All – Colossians 3:4-17

The Text: Luke 10:38-42

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to Martha (and us) through this text?
- 2) What does it mean to be “distracted” by all the preparations?
- 3) What is not going to be taken away from Mary in verse 42?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) When you read Martha's story, what is hardest for you to understand?

- 2) Discuss the possible motivations for Martha's behavior with your life group (both the desire to have sufficient preparations for Jesus and His disciples and her decision to try to get Jesus to rebuke Mary and have Mary help her).

- 3) Discuss the possible motivations for Mary's behavior with your life group (the decision to leave the preparation work she'd been engaged in with her sister and sit down at Jesus feet).

- 4) Martha shows us that one can make the wrong decision with good motivations. Have you ever had this happen in your life? Have you, with good intentions, gotten distracted and pulled away from the most important thing by lesser things? If so, share what that has been like with your life group.

- 5) Mary shows us that when we are willing to put down all the things we think we need to do to be with Jesus, others will be upset with us for it. Have you ever been willing to do this? Did it get chastised or encouraged by those around you? Share your experiences with your life group.

- 6) Jesus says that there is only one thing that is truly needed. Spend some time reflecting on the following activities while telling yourself, "only one thing is needed". What are the things you have the hardest time believing are not needed?
 - a. Having guests at your house.

 - b. Finishing your tasks at your job.

 - c. Having a quiet time with the Lord.

- 7) When you have good things you want to do for the Lord that become more important than actually spending time with the Lord Himself, how do you correct that? What *must be done* for this to be corrected? Tell your life group your plan to keep God in the proper place in your heart and ask them to keep you accountable to that plan.