

Summary

Pastor Jason delivered a message about the danger of staying busy around Jesus rather than being close to Him, using the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10. He emphasized that while Martha was distracted by many good things, Mary chose the one thing that mattered most - sitting at Jesus' feet and learning from Him. The sermon challenged us to examine whether anything in our lives gets more of them than Jesus does.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for gathering us together to celebrate new life in You. As we come together in this small group, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us today. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with each other about the areas where we might be distracted from You. Give us the courage to examine our priorities and the wisdom to choose what matters most. Holy Spirit, guide our discussion and help us to encourage one another in our walk with You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

If you could only take one item with you to a desert island, what would it be and why?

Key Verses

1. Luke 10:38-42
2. Matthew 6:34

Questions

1. What stood out to you most from the story of Mary and Martha? Which sister do you relate to more and why?
2. Pastor Jason said that 'when activity replaces affection, it ultimately leads to frustration.' Can you think of a time when you experienced this in your relationship with God or others?
3. What are some 'good things' in your life that might be distracting you from the 'one thing' that matters most?
4. How do you distinguish between serving God out of duty versus serving Him out of love and relationship?
5. Brennah shared how God used conviction to redirect her life. Have you ever experienced God's

conviction leading you away from something? How did you respond?

6. The sermon asked: 'Is there anything in your life that gets more of you than Jesus?' How would you honestly answer that question?
7. What does it practically look like to 'sit at Jesus' feet' in your daily life?
8. How can we support each other in choosing relationship with Jesus over the distractions of life?

Life Application

This week, identify one thing in your life that might be getting more of your time, energy, or attention than Jesus. Commit to spending at least 10 minutes each day in prayer or Bible reading, asking God to help you prioritize your relationship with Him above all else. Consider what it would look like to 'sit at Jesus' feet' in your current circumstances.

Key Takeaways

1. The greatest threat to our relationship with Jesus isn't rebellion, but distraction by many good things
2. Mary chose relationship over activity by sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to His teaching
3. When activity replaces affection for Jesus, it leads to frustration and accusation
4. Jesus must be the unequivocal priority in our lives, not just someone we keep around the perimeter
5. God's love for us is what makes Him worthy of being our top priority, not our ability to love Him perfectly

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You desire relationship with us above all the activities we might do for You. Help us to be like Mary, choosing to sit at Your feet and learn from You rather than being distracted by the many things that compete for our attention. We confess the areas where we have allowed other things to take priority over You. Give us the strength to choose You first in our daily decisions, our time, and our hearts. Thank You for Your faithful love that never changes, even when we don't love You well. Help us to live out of the overflow of Your love for us. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.