

January 18, 2009
Luke 10:38-42
To Will the One Thing

The Call of Christ into His Mission: The Reorientation of Vocation



A saint is someone who can will one thing.

(Rob Bell's summary of a teaching by Soren Kierkegaard)

How do you define that one thing?

**Who will stay with me?
Who will wait with me?**

Your Story

Janeen shared a story about making a birthday cake for Danny. Share a similar story in your life when you tried to do something special for someone and that thing ended up getting in the way of you just spending time with that person.

God's Story

Pray - Invite Jesus to be with you; to speak to each person through this story.

Read Luke 10:38-42

Where were Jesus and the disciples going? (vs. 38)

Why do you think Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house?

We aren't told how Mary responded. List some ways she might have responded.

In your opinion, what are the good points and the blind spots of both Mary and Martha?

Read Luke 10:25-37

Janeen compared this story and the story of Mary & Martha to the Great Commandment. The Samaritan is a living example of the command to love your neighbor and Mary is a living example of the command to love God. For the sake of example these are characterized separately, but in our lives these two are to be integrated.

In what ways is the Samaritan like Mary? How is the Samaritan different from Martha?

You & Jesus in The Story Together

Who do you identify with the most: Mary, Martha, the Samaritan? Why?

Have you ever thought about Jesus needing you to spend time with him because it is his need, not yours? What difference might this attitude make in how you spend time with him?

Where/When do you tend to get too busy?

Janeen shared a story of walking in Manito Park. Her thoughts were a circle of distraction such that she was totally unaware of her surroundings. She said she might as well been home in a dark room. Her eyes were wide open but she was walking in the dark.

How do you cultivate a sense of awareness; being present in the moments; being with God in the midst of activity?

Share a moment from the worship service this week or an insight from the sermon or a thought from this small group discussion that caught your attention in a special way?

Pray Together!

Is Jesus saying to you, "____, _____, you are worried and upset about many things?" What are those things? Share with your group how they could pray for you – so you can let go of the worry and simply be with Jesus.