

NEXT STEPS

Series “Indeed”

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Next Steps are designed to be used in your small group settings. Need a group? Let us help!

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:38-42 NRSV

Today is the next to the last Sunday in the season of Easter. Yes, next week is Pentecost!

Are you living in a way that others would know that the truth of the Resurrection has changed your life? Several individuals have shared their personal testimonies about the empowerment that came into their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. Do YOU have a story like that? Have you shared your story? Would you like to learn how to tell your story? Remember, it isn’t about you but it IS all about the One that overcame the obstacles. Share your story with your small group. That is a wonderful place to start! Let’s talk soon.

Read Luke 10:38-42 (printed above). This is a very familiar passage. What thoughts have you had about this story BEFORE hearing today’s message? Was there anything shared today that made you think (or rethink) any of those ideas? Which one are you more like? Mary? Or Martha? How about the people in your life? Which one are they more like? Do the differences between those temperaments cause any problems in your relationships? How so?

Martha was very service oriented. It was about the tasks. She was very activity-oriented. Do you know *her*? Mary was very worship oriented. She appears to have a more thoughtful nature. Which one is better? Discuss your thoughts and answers.

Today’s message suggests that this is not an either/or scenario. What would it look like if it were more of a both/and situation? We should be like Mary in our worship and like Martha in our work. If we could, we would reach a place of harmony within our being. When there is harmony, neither one would hinder us from exhibiting the other. Two ways – in us – working together. That is what a Mary/Martha Hybrid Life would look like. Do you think that type of life is possible? How would it change the way you manage your life? What changes would be necessary for that Hybrid Life to become a reality? Do you know someone that appears to successfully live that type of life? What are the characteristics and/or actions that make you believe they have transitioned into that condition? How do you see Jesus present in their life?

Next week is Pentecost. Pentecost is seen as the birth of the Church. It is also the anniversary of our congregation. We have an exciting year ahead. Has God placed someone on your heart? Who deserves to join you on this journey? When will you ask?

Remember, we have gathered in worship; now it is time to go and be the church.

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