

The journey continues...

*What is our theme verse for 2025?*

Psalm

46:10

“Be still, and know  
that I am God.”

# DISCIPLESHIP STATEMENTS

- ✓ Always remember that, as followers of Jesus, discipleship is at the heart/core of everything we do!
- ✓ Authentic discipleship that leads to intentional disciple-making.
- ✓ The word “disciple” occurs 269 times in the New Testament, “Christian” three times, “leader” one time (*“kubernesis”* literally translates “captain of ship” [1 Cor. 12:28], which we translate as “leader” or “administer”). . . . . The biggest problem of the church today? It’s filled with “Christians” and “leaders,” not “disciples” (Unknown)



**PRIORITIES:**

*Living a Mary  
Life in a Martha  
World*

Luke 10:38-42

# The setting

- Jesus & disciples come to town
- Martha offers hospitality
- While she is busy preparing a meal for 15+ people, Mary is “lounging” at Jesus’ feet
- What was Jesus saying?
- Martha and Jesus then enter into a discipleship discussion

# Martha, we need you!

- Welcoming (38)
- Working (40)
- Worrying (40-41) (*see John 11:21-24*)

# PRIORITIES

- ❖ Possibilities: *Kitchen or kneeling*
- ❖ Preference: *Administration or ministry*
- ❖ Perception: *Things or people*
- ❖ Preoccupation: *Time for Jesus or time with Jesus*
- ❖ Position: *Duty or devotion*
- ❖ Performance: *Activity or surrender*

# #1 PRIORITY

- ✓ Luke 10:42 *“But one thing is more necessary...”*
- ✓ Psalm 27:4 *“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after...”*
- ✓ Philippians 3:12-14 *“I focus on this one thing: ... and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race...”*

**To be with Jesus; listen & learn from Him!**



# Mary... listening... seated (39)

1. God honours those who honour Him (1 Samuel 2:30)
2. Listening... options: God, me or Satan?
3. God can and will speak at any time in any way
4. The most important way is through the Bible
5. The more important the message, the clearer the communication
6. God may say yes/no or this way/that or you choose
7. Always consistent with God's nature as revealed in His Word
8. Seek confirmation (from the Bible; from others)
9. What are the consequences (short, medium, long term)? Does it glorify God?
10. Stay "put" until God says move (God guides us when we are on the move...)
11. Sacred trust – be ready to obey, no matter what

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*So what difference is  
making in your life?*