The journey continues...

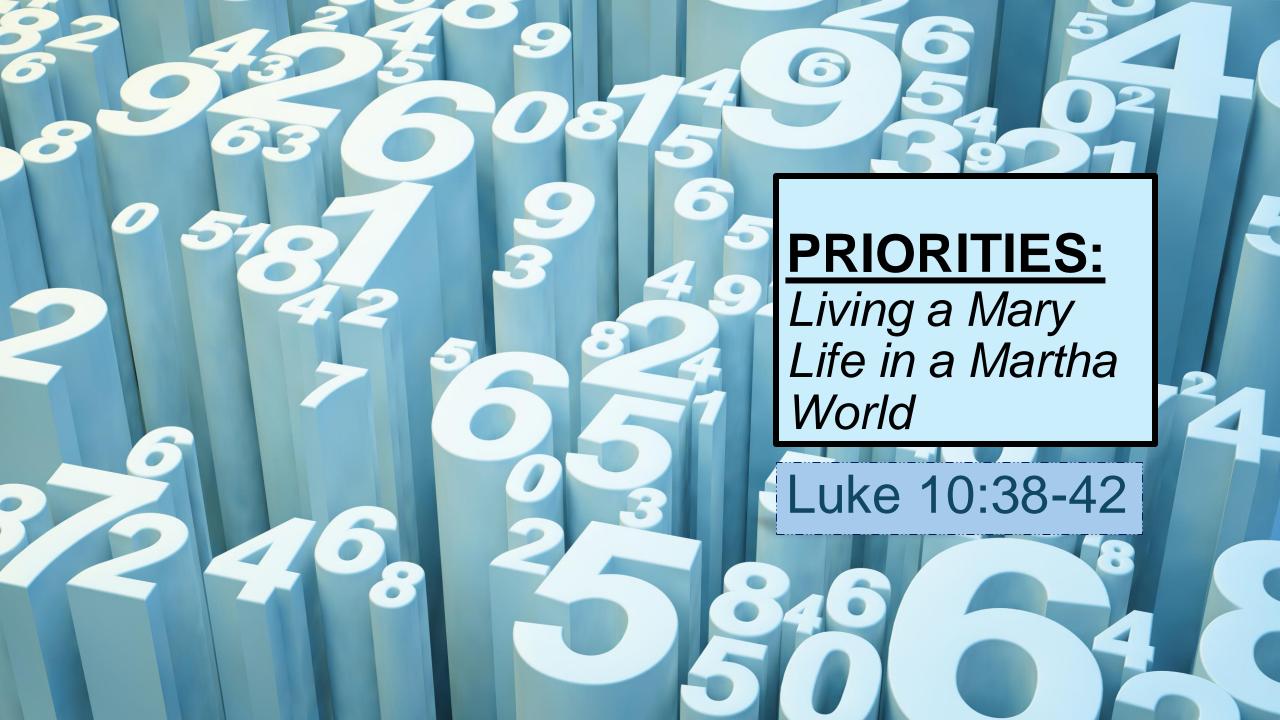
What is our theme verse for 2025?

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" [1Cor.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)



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?