

Stop – Neighbor Time



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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of October 14, 2018

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that our busyness can often get in the way of our relationship with Christ. Where have you noticed that happening in your life?
- 2 In Deuteronomy 18, we see that God describes Himself as the "good portion" for the Levites. Why did Jesus call Mary's actions the "good portion"?
- 3 Reread Luke 10:38-42. Why does God call Mary's actions necessary?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 Looking at the passage below, how do Martha's actions in this passage differ from her actions in Luke 10?

To what would you attribute the change?

John 11:21-27, ESV – ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

2

In our passage, Jesus described Martha as anxious and troubled. What do you think prompted this response? What happens in your life when we become anxious and troubled about a situation?

What can you do to fight those feelings of anxiety? How does trust in God help you understand what the good portion should be?

1 Corinthians 7:32-34, ESV – ³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband.

Luke 12:22-25, ESV – ²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”

Psalms 119:30, ESV – ³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me.

Psalms 16:5, ESV – ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Psalms 119:57-60, ESV – The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words. ⁵⁸ I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. ⁵⁹ When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; ⁶⁰ I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

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Based on the passage below, what do you see as the importance of discipleship?

This Weekend, we learned that we are to love others as an outflow of time spent with Christ. Where are you allowing your light to shine out in a vital relationship with Christ?

Matthew 5:14-16, ESV – ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

TAKING IT HOME

As you think through the sermon and this week's study, what change would God ask you to make in your life in order for you to more frequently do the "necessary thing" of sitting at Jesus' feet? What busyness and distractions should you evaluate, and set aside for a time?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 18

John 12:1-3

Proverbs 6:6-11

Acts 22:1-21