

NOT ALONE

Will There Ever Be Enough Time? (Luke 10:38-42 & Matthew 6:24-33)

Ice Breaker: If you could pay someone to do one hour of your week for you so that you didn't have to do it, what would you have them do?

Week 4 - Discussion Guide

Busyness. Whether we wear it like a badge of honor or it just wears us out, it affects our lives and faith everyday. How can we ever be the outward-facing, mercy-giving, love-where-we-live type people God has made us to be when we're already overwhelmed by our "many tasks"? We can't. But if we're able to listen to what Jesus says and make him the #1 priority in our lives, we will find that we have exactly the time we need to live the lives Jesus called us to.

First Reactions

1. What's your first reaction to the question, "will there ever be enough time?"
2. If you had "more time", what's the first thing you'd add to your schedule? Why?
3. Everyone says, "I don't have time to be the _____ I want to be." How do you fill that line in?

Mary, Martha, & Jesus

1. How do you identify most with Martha?
2. Do you identify with Mary at all? If so, how?
3. What might it cost you to live more like Mary than like Martha? What would you fear about it?
4. Can you think of a time where you missed out on what God was doing because you were simply too busy? Talk about it.
5. How does your busyness prevent you from following Jesus in the way you're meant to?
6. In Matthew 6, Jesus tells us not to worry, and instead, to trust God with all those things. What do you think of that? Do you find that easy or hard to do? Why?

Priorities: Strive First for the One Thing Rather than Worry About the Many Things

1. What most defines your priorities? Work? Kids? Image? Internal pressure?
2. What priorities do you place ahead of following Jesus? What would it look like to de-prioritize those?
3. If you gave Jesus your blank schedule and had him fill it out, what would he fill it with?
4. When Jesus calls you to "strive first" for the Kingdom of God/following him, what comes to mind?
5. What's a practical step you can take to make Jesus your #1 priority?



Love Where You Live

Set aside one hour to love where you live this week in a way that you wouldn't otherwise. It could be bringing that friend to coffee, doing that thing you've wanted to do for your neighbor, or simply spending an hour of quality time with your spouse, child, parent, etc. **One hour. Make it happen.**