



THEME

Right Relationship requires Right Response

ANCHORED TO TRUTH

Luke 10:38-42, John 12:1-8, Matthew 26:, Mark 14

CONVERSATION

1. Have you ever missed seeing something amazing, rare, or beautiful - just because you weren't looking in the right direction?
2. Check out Luke 10:38-42, John 12:1-8

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. 2 A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. 3 Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

4 But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, 5 "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." 6 Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself.

7 Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

3. What was Martha so concerned about that she missed "seeing" Jesus?
 - a. What did she want Jesus to know about her?
 - b. What does that reveal about her heart?
 - c. Can you see any Martha in you?
4. What was Judas so concerned about that he missed "seeing" Jesus?
 - a. How can craving cash + stuff keep us from seeing, appreciating + coming closer to Jesus?
 - b. Any other common distractions + concerns that keep us from seeing + appreciating Jesus?
5. Mary got it right both times > what do you think was different about her heart + motivation?
 - a. Talk about Mary's singular focus. How hard is that?

- b. Talk about how she threw off conventional responsibilities + sensibilities > and just went full send.
- c. How big a factor is reputation > worrying about what others might think of us > when it comes to pursuing Jesus?

RESPOND

- What do you have to do to be more like Mary?
- Is there some action you can take this week to move toward that kind of heart + focus?
- How can we encourage one another in this?

Pray for each other