

NEXT STEP: STUDY & SHARE

READINGS

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Psalm 15

Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill?

(v1)

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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SERMON TEXT- Luke 10:38-42

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LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

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EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Jesus says that absorbing God's word should take priority in our lives. How much time do you spend each week tending to the details of daily life, the way Martha did? How much time do you spend immersed in Jesus' teaching, as Mary was? * How would reading sequentially even one chapter of the gospels each week (average of probably 3 verses/day) or each day *teach* you to listen to Jesus?
4. What could you do that would foster more Mary-like listening in your life?*

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. What would change if listening to Jesus took priority over everything else—in our congregation, & in your own life? * Also how would we know if we were listening to Jesus & not someone or something else? What role do the creeds & Book of Concord have in *teaching* our ears to know the Shepherd's voice (*John 10:3-5, 16, 26-27*)? See *John 5:39-47*; *Romans 10:13-17*; *2 Timothy 1:13-14, 2:14-18*; *Titus 1:9, 2:1*; *2 Peter 1:19-21*.
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Series: On the Road with Jesus

07.17.22
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“Don’t Do Me Like That” -Tom Petty

*Do our necessary commitments & responsibilities distract us
from the one needed thing?*

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: Mary has chosen the better part,
which will not be taken away from her. (*v42b*)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

**Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest & good heart,
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