

1. Think back to the first time you heard the story of this particular interaction between Mary, Martha and Jesus. What was your initial reaction? If you thought Jesus was being a bit too hard on Martha, why? If not, why not? Has your thinking changed?
2. Mary began to follow Jesus after He cast out her demons. She had a pretty powerful conversion. Some of us have had dramatic conversions, incredible testimonials to share. Others have just *a/ways* gone to church, never really knowing life without God. What is your story? Why is it important that you share your testimony whether it is an incredible story or simply a life of faith from a young age?
3. Do you think having a remarkable conversion experience makes it easier to worship God? Why or why not.
4. We aren't supposed to use this scripture to identify with either Martha or Mary. That's not the point. But, most of us do. Which are you? Is Martha the majority among your group? Interesting... Why is that the case?
5. It's just waaay too easy to set God aside and get on with things. Most of us identify with Martha quite readily in this way. However, God-time needs to come first. If we mostly identify as Martha, is there a problem? Name one thing, just one, that you can do to begin to enhance your own worship time with God.
6. Reread Matthew 7:21-23. The comment "I never knew you" is chilling. Sit with that and discuss why Jesus would say that. What is He telling you in that passage?
7. Discuss the best thing you can do to show your love for God. Just 'doing stuff' doesn't reflect God's love. How do we make sure it's not in vain?