

Discussion Questions Course 310–1

Large Group

1. Who was Joy in a hurry to spend time with?
2. What happened that didn't allow Joy to go to the theme park with Matty?
3. Do you remember who said this in the video?
4. What important thing did Mary choose to do?
5. Do you remember what Chris was doing when Joy called him on the phone?

Small Group

Game

1. Do you remember how close Chris was to the world record before he stopped to help Joy?
2. Why wasn't Chris feeling so good after he got off of his pogo stick?
3. Martha wasn't doing any bouncing, yet she was busy doing something else; do you remember what that was?
4. Was it difficult to concentrate on doing both things at one time?

Teaching

1. In the Bible story, both Mary and Martha had a close relationship with Jesus—yet when Jesus visited their home, the women made different choices. What did Mary do?
2. And what did Martha do?
3. Do you think the purpose of this story is to show us that serving others and doing good deeds are not important?
4. How did Martha view Mary's decision to sit at Jesus' feet?
5. Did Jesus agree with Martha?
6. Have you ever tried to spend time or talk with someone as they text or do something else? Does it work well?
7. Does it look like Martha absorbed or soaked up any of Jesus' words?
8. Hold up the Mary towel. Now, let's look at Mary; this towel looks very different. In fact, it is saturated! Do you think she absorbed what Jesus said?

Discipleship Challenge

1. In our video, how was Lazarus able to come out of his tomb?
2. When Lazarus came out of the tomb, what did Jesus tell the people to do?
3. What are some things that can hold us back in our Christian walk?

SuperVerse

1. Who said this in the Bible story today?
2. What was Martha so worried about doing?
3. What did she ask Jesus to do?
4. What does Jesus' answer in our SuperVerse mean?

Additional Activities

Action Game

1. Jesus said that Mary discovered the one thing worth being concerned about; what was that?

2. Was it difficult to do so many things at one time in the first part of the game?
3. Were the scores higher for the first or second way we played the game? Why?
4. How does this apply to our Bible story today?

Object Lesson

1. In our lesson today, who came to Mary and Martha's home to visit?
2. As we follow Christ, He will never stop knocking and He will never stop lovingly and gently calling out to us. Does anyone have an idea why?

Coloring Activity

1. In the picture, what is different between Mary and Martha?
2. Who do you think made the better choice? Explain.
3. Why should we spend time with Jesus every day?

Bible Study

Mark 6:45–46 (NIV)

1. What was most important to Jesus in this Scripture?
2. What can we learn from Jesus' example?
3. Can you share a time when you spent time alone with Jesus?
4. Do you think it is important to set up a specific time each day, like in the morning, to spend time with Jesus? Please explain.

John 1:1–2, 14

1. Who is the Word in this passage?
2. What does it mean that the Word became flesh?
3. Take a moment to think and apply what we just learned. If Jesus is the Word, what is another way we can spend time with Jesus?
4. What did Jesus say about the time Mary spent with Him, listening and learning?
5. What can we then say about our time with Jesus—praying, reading, waiting, and listening?

John 15:4–8

1. Who is the vine, and who are the branches?
2. What does Jesus tell us to do in verse 4?
3. What do you think it means to remain in Jesus?
4. If we remain in Him, what will He do?
5. Why can't a branch produce fruit when is severed, or cut from the main vine or tree?
6. In verses 5–6, what happens if we are separated or apart from Jesus?
7. In verse 7, what happens when we spend time with Jesus, and His Words are in us?
8. What happens when we remain connected to Jesus and produce fruit for His kingdom?