

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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Glorify the Lord—Our Light & Salvation

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Scripture—Luke 10:38-42

[38] Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. [39] And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. [40] But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." [41] But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, [42] but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Main Idea—Mary, Sister of Martha, Portrays True Worship—Extravagant Devotion

All of Us are Worshipers—the enemy tries to get us to worship the wrong person or thing

- worshipping the wrong person or thing (idolatry)
- worshipping with the wrong heart attitude (formalism)
- worship divorced from an appropriate lifestyle (hypocrisy)

In Luke 10 and John 12, Mary portrays true worship—

- chooses the better part—sitting at the feet of Jesus, though criticized for it
- she anoints Jesus for burial—something He calls a “beautiful thing” Again criticized.

In the church today: Blessed, but bored. Symptoms:

- passionless faith
- reckless curiosity
- “metered” service

A truly great and good God deserves more—don't settle!

Jesus is the most important person in every room you enter—and He is in every room you enter!

Glorify God in your body—do a beautiful thing today. Remember the words of Jesus: *'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

Application—

- What part of Mary's portrait of true worship was the most instructive/challenging to you?
- Ever been “Blessed, but bored?” How did you pull out of that?