



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of November 4, 2024

1. Pastor Ryan shared the true story of a newly-married couple who were still “salty” about spending big bucks for wedding photography, only to get the pictures back and see a camera lens-cap in every picture. What are you still “salty” about from your past? What could have made it right?
2. What does the phrase “*first things first*” mean? Give some examples where that everyday wisdom applies to life in the real world.
3. Read Luke 10:38-42 as a group, with each person reading one verse until the text is completed. Even though the details aren’t listed in Luke’s text— what was the name of this village? Where was it located? Who else lived in this home? What was their connection to Jesus?
4. These two sisters (and Lazarus their brother) had moved by faith from the “crowd” the “committed”. Why was this a “good thing”? According to John 1:12 and John 3:16, where does a person “begin” to have a relationship with Jesus?
5. What was the biggest meal or gathering you’ve ever hosted? Tell some of that story. Were you stressed out? Agitated? Worried or anxious to make a good impression? How do you think Martha felt hosting Jesus and all his disciples in her home?
6. Martha was giving her all to put on a great meal for Jesus and His entourage. While believing on Jesus is “good”— it is even “better” to be serving Jesus. Is serving Jesus only for a few? What do these verses say? (Romans 12:1; 1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Peter 4:10) Give some tangible examples of places and/or opportunities where people can serve Jesus both inside and outside of Wrightsdale. Where are you serving?
7. Jesus doesn’t scold Martha for working hard and hosting a fantastic meal. But He teaches her a powerful lesson about priorities. What was the “best” thing that Mary had chosen?
8. What are some of the ways that you and I can spend “quality” time with Jesus on a regular basis. Make a list of 4-5 things. Are these things restricted to Sundays?
9. What are some of the most common duties and distractions that pull us away from time spent with Jesus? How can we overcome these things and make sure we’re making time for what’s really “best” in our Christian lives? Discuss your ideas as a group, and close in prayer asking God for His help!

*Don’t let the duties and demands of life distract you from devotion to Jesus.*