

**A. A Proper Priority**

1. Is it wrong to be busy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Mary and Martha are not contrasting types – one practical the other spiritual. Martha is distracted from her relationship with Jesus. What words are used in the passage to describe her? What sort of insight do they give us in Martha's mindset?

What sort of things distract you from your relationship with Jesus? What interferes with its priority?

3. What makes you anxious and worried so that you can't focus on what God is saying?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. You can make time for Jesus, but still be anxious or worried. What can we do to help when we are anxious and worried and it is interfering with our time with God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. We are called to be 'Marys' in a 'Martha' world - how is it a 'Martha's World'? What particular challenges do you find?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What encouragement is there from looking at Mary?

**B. An Absolute Trust**

7. Martha has changed. How do we see her faith throughout this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Her faith, though strong, needed a slight refocusing. How did Jesus refocus Martha's faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. In what ways do we need our faith refocusing like Martha? How can we refocus? In what ways is point A connected to point B?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What encouragement is there to trust here? What purpose do we see to trials? (see v41,42)

**C. A Sacrificial Service**

11. Mary demonstrates an extravagant devotion and great sacrifice in service to Jesus. How do the previous two incidents feed her devotion?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What do we need to do to feed our devotion to Jesus so that we are ready to serve him whatever the cost?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. How can we show by our lives that Jesus is precious to us?