

- Mary & Martha, contrasting and reinforcing lessons

### 1. A Proper Priority – Luke 10:38-42

#### a) Martha – Focused on the busyness of life

- “distracted” – distracted from what Jesus was teaching
- “all the preparations” = “much serving” – for 1 extra person?!
- Problem isn’t the preparation, but she was distracted, worried, anxious
- So easy to allow life to overrun what matters
- Start to question Jesus’ care – v40

#### b) Mary – Focused on Jesus

- Not shirking responsibilities – Jesus would have rebuked her
- Mary always at Jesus feet – Luke 10:39, John 11:32, 12:3
- Jesus commends Mary’s focus and seeks to refocus Martha
- “One thing is needed” – what is our priority every day?
- “chosen what is better” – what Jesus offers is lasting
- Mary & Martha – Listening comes before serving not instead of it
- Listening equips us to serve, feeds our trust, feeds our faith
- Are you making time amidst the busyness?

### 2. An Absolute Trust – John 11

- v21 – not a rebuke, but a statement of faith, mingled with regret
- Martha displays great faith (Mary more briefly – v32)
- Jesus refocuses Martha’s faith on Him
- Learn: Jesus cares for his hurting people
- Learn: Jesus seeks to refocus our faith on him
- Learn: we may not get all the answers, but we will not be disappointed
- Learn: trust comes from focusing on Jesus

### 3. A Sacrificial Service – John 12:1-8

- Perfume – worth a year’s wages!!! Perhaps a precious heirloom
- Sacrificial & Extravagant service/devotion
- Devotion based on what Christ had done – not to earn favour
- Can we give too much for Jesus? What is our commitment?
- “If Christ be God and died for me then there is nothing too great that I can do for him” CT Studd
- Sacrificial service comes from Mary’s right focus on Jesus, not through more effort
- Called to use our lives to display that Christ is valuable
- “Today, I will do the best I can with what I have where I am for Jesus’ sake”



Welcome to our service this morning - today we are remembering Christ's death for sinners as we take part in the Lord's Supper.

If you are a Christian and haven't joined with us for the Lord's Supper before, and haven't yet spoken to the elders about your faith in Jesus Christ, we'd invite you to watch, and come and speak to Mark before our next communion.

If you aren't a Christian, or not sure, we'd invite you to watch as well, and if you have any questions, speak to Mark or one of the elders afterwards.

#### Notices

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Evening service at Mark & Judith's	8pm
Tue	Men - Disciplines of a Godly Man - ch 17 Ladies - Sermon discussion @ Mark & Judith's	8pm
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Banner of Truth NI Conference for young people The Book that Changed the World - Can we Trust the Bible? The Crescent Church, University Road, Belfast. Speakers Include: Ted Donnelly & Mark Johnston	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Letterkenny prayer evening Come and go at whatever time suits The house beside the Open Door Bookshop	7-11pm
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Go-relief team meeting - Cloughmills RP Church @ 3.00pm	