

“Dangerous Distractions”

Luke 10:38-42 - *Pastor Josh Gerber*

Main point: In order for us to love God and others well, we must begin by listening to the words of Jesus.

1. If we want to serve Christ well, we should begin _____ (v 38-39).

2. Beware of distractions and _____ the one thing.

See if any of these sound familiar to you:

- ⇒ The need/right to be free of intense problems and pressures.
- ⇒ The need/right to hold and express personal opinions.
- ⇒ The need/right to be respected, appreciated, considered important.
- ⇒ The need/right to be loved and accepted.
- ⇒ The need/right to have good health, medical care.
- ⇒ The need/right to have a boyfriend or spouse.
- ⇒ The need/right to have a loving spouse.
- ⇒ The need/right to have obedient children.
- ⇒ The need/right to retire comfortably.

Stop and write down exactly what it is that is worrying or troubling you. Ask yourself: “What kind of need is my worry revealing? Is that need truly my main need, the person of Jesus? How is this need I think I have distracting me from my real need?”

3. Sitting at the feet of Jesus in the face of distractions is not easy, but it is good.

Fighting Distractions:

1. Recognize our disordered values.
2. Remind ourselves that we are not God.
3. Set our minds on things above.
4. Grasp his grace to discipline our time.
5. Delight yourself in the depths of Christ

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways in which you miss the main thing (think of having people over, serving, etc.)?
2. Why is it important not to view serving itself as a wrong thing?
3. What kind of distractions do you face that pull you away from Jesus' feet?
4. Why do we need to begin by listening to Jesus' words in order to love God and others well? What happens if we don't?
5. Why do we need to be careful not to divorce serving from the gospel?
6. What things does Martha do right? Where does she go off track? What can you learn from this?
7. What things in your life do you view as needs? How does that line up with what Jesus says is your need?
8. What are some good things that you are doing that potentially are distracting you from the best thing?
9. What are some ways to fight distractions and sit at Christ's feet?