

Martha

*Before you begin your lesson prepare your heart in prayer.
Ask the Lord to open His word to you, to make you teachable and to
help you understand and apply the Scriptures to your own life.*

Read Luke 10: 38-42
John 11:1-45
John 12:1-2

1. Describe Martha from these passages.

~ Luke 10:38-42 ~

2. How does Martha receive Jesus into her house?

3. *Martha's home was a place where Jesus could have His physical needs met and find rest. Is your home a place where your family can rest and have their needs met?*

A. *Why or why not?*

B. *If not, what changes do you need to make?*

4. *Do you serve the Lord, as Martha did, by showing hospitality to others?*

A. *What instruction does Romans 12:13 give on hospitality? Does this describe you?*

B. According to I Peter 4:9 what attitude should you have when being hospitable? Does this describe you?

5. What attitudes and complaints do you observe in Martha as she is serving?

6. To whom does Martha take her complaints to?

A. What was the result?

7. *What wisdom do you see in taking your complaints only to the Lord?*

A. *What would the consequences be if you took your complaints to everyone but the Lord?*

8. *Verse 40 tells us that “Martha was distracted with much serving,...”; define distracted.*

9. *List some things that can distract you in your service to the Lord.*

10. *Have you ever gotten so distracted in having a party or celebrating a holiday that you neglected your guests and lost the joy of the celebration? What did you learn from it?*

11. *How did the Lord respond to Martha's plea for help?*

12. *Do your outward activities, or even ministries, hinder you spiritually? Take some time before the Lord to honestly assess what you are doing before answering this question.*

A. *Is the Lord gently rebuking you in your busyness that takes precious time away from sitting at His feet?*

B. What changes do you think the Lord would have you to make?

~John 11:1-45~

12. Now we see Martha in a crisis. What does she do first? (vs.3)

A. Where does your help come from? Read Psalm 121:1-2.

13. Verse 5 says, “Jesus loved Martha....”. Have you ever doubted the Lord’s love for you because it appeared He was slow in meeting your need?

“God’s delays are not always His denials.”

14. *How does Martha express her heart to Jesus in verses 21 and 22?*

A. *What is Jesus' response to her?*

15. *What was Jesus' revelation to Martha in verse 25?*

A. *What was her confession? (vs. 27)*

B. *Is this yours?*

16. How was God's glory revealed to Martha?

A. Share a way the Lord has revealed His glory to you.

~ John 12:1-3 ~

17. What differences do you see in Martha at this supper compared with the Luke 10 supper?

18. Martha provides an excellent example of how we can grow in our faith when we repent of our shortcomings; what have you learned studying Martha's example?

“Lord, may I serve my family and others who enter my household as if I am serving You. May they see my love for You through my service to them.” Amen Julie Ieron