

LEADERSHIP COACHING: SELFLESS

DISCIPLESHIP PHRASE: "WHO WILL I LIVE FOR?"

BIG IDEA FOR SERIES: LEARNING CRITICAL ASPECTS OF LIVING A SELFLESS LIFE.

Abiding [grow as a disciple yourself]

There are a variety of ways your group can pray together. This week, try a method your group has not used in the past. These are a few ideas for group prayer time:

- Pray around the group, each person praying for the person on their right or left. o In a couples group, have the husbands and wives pray for each other.
- Divide into pairs and pray for each other privately. If you have an everyone group, men pray with men and women pray with women.
- Have one person volunteer to pray for the group this week.
- Pray through a psalm, out loud, together.

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

Paul is constantly praying for the people that he disciples. We are fortunate to have a reference of these prayers to use as examples.

- A great model for intercessory prayer (praying for others) is found in Colossians 1:9-14.
- Read that passage in several different translations of the Bible.
- Use Paul's prayer as a pattern when you pray for the people you are discipling.

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

Spend the next 5 days praying for the members of your group.

- Divide them up evenly so that each day you can focus on praying for several specific people.
- Pray that o God will give them wisdom and understanding;
- You will see clearly how you can encourage them in their walk with God;
- They will boldly take their next step in spiritual growth;
- They overflow with the joy of Christ this week!

BackgroundPLUS[©] [a deeper dive into this week's story]

- "*He entered a certain village.*" - the name of the village was Bethany.
- Luke presents "Martha" as the primary hostess. Her name in the original language means "mistress," which is appropriate since she was the mistress of her house.
- Mary is seen three times in the Gospels, and on each occasion, she is in the same place: at the feet of Jesus. She sat at His feet and listened to His Word (Luke 10:39), fell at His feet and shared her sorrow (John 11:32), and came to His feet and poured out her worship (John 12:3) .
- Normally rabbis did not permit women sit at their feet Jesus' day.
- **The Bible Project** - [Luke 1-9](#) [Luke 10-24](#)

"Every group deserves a great group leader..."

WEEK 3 - TOPIC: LIVE AT A WORSHIPFUL PACE.

TAKEAWAY: HURRY IS A THIEF. PROXIMITY IS A GIVER.

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions [Share [the topic & takeaway](#) this week from above]

Review from last week [Build in [accountability](#) to living it out]

How did you remain anonymous last week?

Review the Guidelines [Share the [guidelines](#) to set the rails for group time]

Ask a Hook Question [A thought-provoking question to [get the group focused](#)]

Where would you rather vacation - beach or the mountains?

Share Background for the Story [Provide [context](#) to the story from the Bible]

Martha and Mary were two most excellent sisters, both converted, both lovers of Jesus, both loved by Jesus. The Bible records that He loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. "*Martha, the sister of Lazarus and Mary*" - she seems to have been the eldest of the family, as she is always mentioned before Mary and generally portrayed as the mistress of the house. True to her name, Martha is portrayed as a person in charge: she welcomed Jesus as a guest in *her* home (Luke 10:38); she was concerned with meeting the obligations of a hostess, whether preparing food (Luke 10:40; John 12:2) or greeting guests (John 11:20). Together with Mary, she sent for Jesus when Lazarus was ill. Now, Jesus and his disciples make their way to Martha's house.

Share the Story: [Luke 10:38-42](#) [Volunteer from last week [shares](#) the story]

Rebuild the Story [Invites everyone to [engage](#)]

Read from Scripture [Read [out loud](#) to see if anything was added or omitted]

Discussion Questions: [[Dive deeper](#), beyond the surface]

1. What were Mary and Martha doing while Jesus was present?
2. How did serving - "good things" - become a distraction for Martha?
3. What are the good things in your life that are keeping you from the best things in your life?
4. What should/could sitting at the feet of Jesus look like in your life?

Assign Next Week's Story: [Luke 10: 30-37](#)

Prayer Requests [Record, share & follow up throughout the week]

Closing Prayer [[Ask openly](#) for a volunteer]