

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)**Lesson Plan:** Mary, Martha, and Lazarus**Learning Goal:** Through independent study, students will compare/contrast the responses of Mary and Martha to the presence of Jesus and determine how they may have responded in a similar situation.**Question:** Would you describe yourself as more of a task-oriented person or a people-oriented person? Why?

Prayer

Discuss Question on Board

Have students read Luke 10:38-42 on their own and answer the following questions:

1. In your family, who does most of the preparations when company comes? What do you do?
2. What kind of things do you think Martha was “making preparations” for?
3. If you had to choose Mary or Martha for the following situations, who would you choose and why:
 - For a close, trustworthy friend, I would choose . . .
 - For someone to work for, I would choose . . .
 - For someone to work for me, I would choose . . .
 - For someone to look after my estate, I would choose . . .
4. From the way the two sisters in this passage acted, which one are you more like, laid-back Mary or task-oriented Martha?
5. Describe the sin(s) in Martha’s heart. (this is your opinion)
6. Martha was clearly in the wrong in the story. Do you see anything she did right?
7. Describe what you think was going through Martha’s mind as she was making preparations and serving.
8. If you had been Martha, what would your response have been to Jesus?
9. When Martha spoke to Jesus in vs. 40, what do you think her tone was?
10. What doubts about Jesus and his character are implied in her statement?
11. What sin does Jesus point out in Martha?
12. In verse 42 Jesus says, “only one thing is needed.” What is that one thing?
13. What “one thing is needed” for you to take some stress out of your life?
14. Since Jesus is not physically present with us, what do you think it means to “sit at Jesus’ feet?” (no Sunday School answers!)
15. If Jesus dropped in on you, what might he point out that distracts you from the more important things in life?

Lesson Summary/Review:

Students should review and highlight the following vocabulary terms and concepts from this lesson in their notes:

- Mary
- Martha
- What was Martha’s sin?