

Bible Study 14 – Priorities matter – Luke 10:38-42

Imagine you have a pile of different-sized stones to put into a large glass jar. If the big rocks are put in first, then gravel, then sand, and then water; they all fit into the jar. But if you start with the water, or the sand, there would be no room left for the big rocks. Life is like that jar. The “big rocks” are your non-negotiables—your relationship with God, your family, your health, your calling. The rest are all the other good things: work, emails, chores, social media, even ministry tasks. If we fill our days first with the small stuff, there’s often no space left for what truly matters. Put the big rocks in first and everything else tends to fall into its proper place.

The context	Luke wrote a historical biography of the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus was both human and the divine Son of God. He was a descendant of the Jewish king David. He healed many people, drove out demons and taught about the kingdom of God. Jesus called the disciples to follow Him and trained them to takeover His ministry after He was gone. He began ministering in Galilee (4:14-9:50). And He left on His last trip to Jerusalem (Lk. 17:11) and entered on Palm Sunday (Lk. 19:28-44).
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 10:38-42

Mary’s priority (v.38-39)	
Martha’s priority (v.40)	
Jesus’ reply (v.41-42)	
Mary and Judas (John 12:1-8)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. Compare Martha’s attitude in v.40-41 and in John 12:2-3.

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Martha was distracted by household duties. In doing them rather than listening to Jesus, she was more concerned with the urgent than the eternal. Martha’s preparations for their gathering overshadowed the purpose for their gathering. Her priority was a problem. Our service to others and to Christ can be spoiled by a wrong spirit. Let’s serve the Lord with gladness without judging others. Good tasks become bad priorities when they displace the best thing.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points