

**ULC Sermon Study Resource**  
***The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Invites***  
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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** If you could learn one new skill, what would it be?

**Reading:** Luke 10:38-42

**Outline:**

- I. Receiving Jesus (v. 38-39)
  - a. Mary and Martha demonstrate what faith looks like by receiving and listening to Jesus.
  - b. Many people today only listen to their own version of Jesus that affirms what they already believe to be true.  
**Q: How are Mary and Martha acting differently?**
- II. Serving Jesus (v. 40-41)
  - a. Jesus does not rebuke Martha for serving, but he rebukes her anxiousness. Her desire to serve does not come from the right place.
  - b. When our work for God is not rooted in our life with Him, we can actually end up harming ourselves and others.  
**Q: What was Martha's complaint in these verses?**
- III. Being with Jesus (v. 42)
  - a. Jesus affirms what Mary has chosen to do, which is to rest and listen to Him.
  - b. We are invited to have a relationship with Jesus first, and our work will come from this.  
**Q: What is the good portion that Mary has chosen?**

**Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) Have you ever found yourself only listening to a version of Jesus that affirms what you already believe? What is the danger in this?
- 2) When we trust in Jesus as he is, he often calls us to repentance. Have you experienced this?
- 3) How can we ensure that our service for God comes from the right place?
- 4) Have you ever experienced the harmful consequences of workaholism or overcommitting? Did you or anyone else suffer as a result?

**Suggestions for further study:**

- Luke 9:4-5 **Q: What did Jesus tell the disciples to do if they were rejected?**
- John 15:5 **Q: What do we need to do to serve Jesus well?**
- John 5:24 **Q: What is notable about what Jesus says here?**

**Closing Prayer:** Gracious God, may we always remember that you are willing to do whatever it takes to make us your own. You long to be with us, and you welcome us into your kingdom through Jesus. We pray that you would pour out your Spirit and give us the faith to trust in Jesus. We don't have to work for you, but we get to serve in the joy of being loved by you. In Jesus' name, Amen.