

I. Read Luke 10:38-42

- A. This passage, in which Luke describes the interaction between Jesus, Mary, and Martha, is full of important principles and practical application. It is also apt to be misunderstood. What is the primary truth being explained?

- B. How does Matthew 6:33 point to the same truth?

- C. How might someone misunderstand the point(s) Jesus is conveying?

- D. How does the description of Mary's interaction with Jesus portray the manner in which we should approach and relate to Christ?

- E. What aspect of our spiritual lives might be compared to Mary's interest in and attentiveness toward Jesus?

- F. Compare or correlate Mary's interaction with Jesus to the subject of prayer. (Think of particular aspects or elements of prayer.)

- G. Most of the great men of God were also men of prayer. Martin Luther explained one time that the busier his day would be, the more time he spent in prayer each morning. How does that contrast with our natural inclination?