

THE KING WE NEED

Discussion Guide:

That Time Jesus Taught Us to Pray

Passage: Luke 10:38—11:4

Summary: Mary boldly goes into the place where the men gathered to sit at Jesus' feet as His disciple. Jesus welcomes her, showing that both women and men are invited to become like Him. Martha is distracted by the good work of hospitality and Jesus invites her to "choose the better meal" and give her attention to Him. Then, Jesus shows His disciples what it looks like to give your attention to God in prayer. Learning from His model prayer, we'll learn to pray to our Father in a way that aligns our hearts to his and accomplishes His will.

Discussion Questions

1. What was so shocking about Mary's action? Why is it important?
2. Martha's problem was not that she was practicing hospitality, but that she was distracted and not giving her attention to Jesus. How do we get distracted from giving attention to Jesus? Even distracted by good things? What does that look like for you?
3. Jesus' prayer has two movements...first looking to God and then looking to our needs. How does the first movement prepare us to pray the second movement? Which of these movements is harder for you?
4. Which part of Jesus' prayer feels hardest for you to pray? Why do you think that is?

Take time to pray Jesus' prayer together. If you have time, pause at each line and invite everyone to make that line personal...to pray it for themselves.

Our Father who is always near us,
Let your name be set apart... "Only you can help us!"

Your kingdom come, your will be done in my life and in our world as it is in heaven.

Give us today the daily bread we need.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who've sinned against us.

Lead us not into temptation (we're too weak!)

But deliver us from the Evil One.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen!