

## Sermon Discussion Guide: "Entertaining for Christ" (Luke 10:38-42)

August 7th, 2022

- 1. Connect:** Opening our homes to others may be one of the most powerful ways to let others know that they are welcomed and valued. Have you ever experienced the hospitality of a Christian opening their home to you? How did that experience affect your relationship with them? How did it affect your relationship with Christ? Take time to share these experiences with one another.
- 2. Take it Deeper:**
  - The first point of the sermon is that every Christian is to open their home for Christ (verse 38). Pastor Weber began this point by emphasizing the importance of making your home a place where Christ's word is read and practiced and a place where prayer is offered. Why is it important to open your house to Christ before you open your home to others? Next Pastor Weber spoke about the importance of opening our homes to Christians and non-Christians alike. What are some practical ways that you might respond to this call? As a group read Hebrews 13:1-2, Luke 14:12-14, and Matthew 25:31-40. How do these verses speak to opening our homes for Christ?
  - The second point of the sermon is that every Christian must remain focused on Christ (verses 39-40). When we have people over to our homes it is very easy to become distracted by all the preparations and work that goes into entertaining. However, if we are to entertain for Christ we must make every effort to keep him at the center of our time. What are some things that can dominate your time if you do not remain focused on Christ? Pastor Weber said, "Your guests will know what is most important to you by what dominates your time and words." What would your guests believe is most important to you?
  - The third point of the sermon is that we must offer Christ to our guests (verses 41-42). Here we come to a common objection to the passage on Mary and Martha. If Martha did not make dinner everyone would have been hungry. If all we do is speak about Christ then our stomachs will be empty. Is there a way to balance offering Christ and a meal? How do we allow our Martha tendencies to keep us from offering what is most important? Read Matthew 6:33 as a group. How does this affect the way you might approach hosting a dinner?
- 3. Live it out:** In the conclusion of Pastor Weber's sermon, he called each of us to make a concrete plan to open our homes with the intent of offering Christ. Take time to discuss in your group your plans to respond to this call in faith. Who will you invite? A Christian or a non-Christian? A widow or a college student? A friend in need or a foreign student who is lonely? How will you remain focused on Christ? And how do you plan to prepare yourself to offer Christ?
- 4. Pray it in:** Ask for any prayer requests. Have one person to pray or multiple to pray depending on the group. Call out to God that you would have the faith to hear his response in His word and obey in humility.