

I Choose

LifeGroup Notes

Important Over Urgent

TALK IT OVER

Week Four

Think back to Joel's message.
What sticks out?

Key Scriptures

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to [Jesus] and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

Luke 10:38-40 NIV

Choosing the Important

1. Create artificial deadlines.
2. Be ruthlessly selective in your "yeses."
3. Do first what matters most.

More Scripture

1 Corinthians 6:12
Proverbs 4:25-27
Luke 21:34
1 Timothy 5:8
Romans 12:12
Matthew 7:13-14

Start talking.

- If you got two extra hours each day, what would you do more of?
- Which word best describes your last few weeks? Relaxed, busy, full, fun, rewarding. Why?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read Luke 10:38-40. Do you identify with Mary or Martha? Explain.
- Why do you think we're tempted to allow urgent things to rule our lives?
- Joel said busyness does not equal productivity. What busyness can you cut out of your life?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Name three urgent things you need to do and three important things you need to do. Which are getting more of your time?
- Do you have a process or trick that reminds you to choose important over urgent? Share an example.
- What's the most important thing you've been too distracted to pursue? What do you need to stop doing to pursue it?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What are you saying "yes" to that you need to say "no" to? Share out loud, make a list, and create a deadline to take your first steps (like, today).
- Make important change in your finances. What is the specific change that will bring the greatest release? Who will you invite to hold you accountable?
- Mary said, "yes" to time with Jesus. Everything flows from our relationship with Him. What choice will you make to spend time in His presence?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power, persistence, and confidence!