













Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	01-02-2026	Mary and Martha
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Sit in silence for 2+ minutes. What sounds do you hear?	
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> If you have/ had a brother/ sister, in what ways are you similar? And different? <input type="checkbox"/> How can siblings who share the same parents, upbringing, heritage etc still be so different? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there some gifts/ actions in church that are <i>perceived</i> as being more <i>spiritual</i> than others? What are they? Why is this? Is this justified? <input type="checkbox"/> How does our personality-type or learning-style influence how we respond to Jesus? <input type="checkbox"/> " <i>Jesus is the only way to the Father, but there are many ways to Jesus.</i> " Discuss.	
 Read	Luke 10:38-42	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Study	<p>v.38: What did Martha do? Back then, why would this have surprised people? How is Martha often caricatured today? Is this fair?</p> <p>v.39: How were Martha and Mary the <i>same</i> in their response to Jesus? And yet also <i>different</i> in their response to Jesus? What happens when we elevate one kind of response over another? How did Mary model spiritual <i>intimacy</i> ('being') with Jesus?</p> <p>v.40: How did Martha model <i>involvement</i> ('doing') with Jesus? What happens when we only value <i>intimacy</i> ('being') with God, and neglect involvement ('doing')? What happens when we only value/ practice <i>involvement</i> ('doing') with God, and neglect intimacy ('being')? Where are you naturally on the intimacy/ involvement spectrum?</p> <p>v.41-42: Who do you most identify with, Martha or Mary? Is God nudging you to be more <i>Mary</i> or <i>Martha</i>? What might have stirred Martha's anxiety or response? How do we keep the main thing the main thing? How do you imagine Jesus' tone with Martha?</p>	
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Read John 12:1-8 . How does John's account compare with Luke's? How are they similar? How are they different? Why the differences in detail? Who does Luke say owned the house? Yet, what was Martha doing? Why?	
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> Are you naturally more of a <i>Martha</i> or a <i>Mary</i> ? Is the balance about right or does it need adjusting?	
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone to your home (or a café.) Be a good host and a good listener.	

 Pray	<p><i>From the Northumbria Community:</i></p> <p>There is a friend's love in the gentle heart of the Saviour. For love of Him we offer friendship and welcome every guest. Lord, kindle in my heart a flame of love to my neighbour, to my enemies, my friends, my kindred all, from the lowliest thing that liveth to the name that is highest of all.</p>
 My questions:	

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