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A look at the work of worship—and the worship of work



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Before you get started...

This might be the most-packed episode of the season, so as you've done before, remind the group that other narrative threads will be addressed in discussions to come. And to center everyone on the Mary/Martha thread, perhaps read the Scripture that inspired it: Luke 10:38-42.

Discuss

1. The story of Mary and Martha addresses the ever-present battle between work and worship. Why is it so easy to slip into an obsession over—even worship of—our work? What's the fruit of our obsession?
2. Even as Jesus confronts Martha's obsession with her work, he celebrates her work as good. Generally speaking, why is work good? And more specifically speaking, can you identify what's good about *your* particular work?

You might want to playfully push the group to challenge the whole notion of "work versus worship" by asking the following question: Can our work be worship? How?

3. Even as Jesus celebrates Martha's work, he does teach that the work of worship is to be given priority over any other work. Why? How might this in fact help our other work?
4. How can the prioritization of the work of worship be maintained in the busy and demanding "work lives" that we live?

If time allows, you could invite the group to creatively explore how Martha could have worshiped and worked at the same time without either work suffering.

Pray

Here are 2 questions to guide your group's closing prayer:

1. If you were to offer a word of thanks to God for something that comforted you in this episode, what would it be?
2. If you were to ask God's help in living life in a new way in light of this episode, how would you sum up this new way of life?

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