



Loving Family August 29, 2021 Next Steps

Opening Prayer:

God of love, we invite you into this place.

Jesus, we light this candle as a sign of your presence.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten us.

We pray that we keep our hearts and minds open to new ideas and that we may grow in our understanding of your ways.
Amen.

Quote: Family, the ones you live with, laugh with and love. Unknown

Breaking the Ice:

What's one unique role you had in the family you were brought up in?

Wrestling with the Word:

Read: Luke 10:38-42

- List at least two things you learn about Martha in this passage and at least two things you learn about Mary. How would you sum up Martha in one word? How would you sum up Mary?
- How would you describe the relationship between Mary and Martha?
- Who in this story do you identify with? Martha, Mary, or the disciples who are on the sidelines watching?

Next Steps:

- Martha wanted Jesus to correct Mary, rather than address her concerns directly with Mary herself. How might we sometimes skip hard conversations with family? How does this affect the situation?
- Both Martha and Mary are deeply spiritual women who care for Jesus, yet they show that love in different ways. How can we learn from those who are different from us new ways to draw close to Jesus?
- How do worry, desire for perfection, and distractions play into our relationships with family? With Jesus?

Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of family in good times and ask for your care in times of challenge. We ask for your healing for disputes that have caused division over the years. May our relationships be renewed through your love. We pray for safety, and guidance and joy, most of all we pray for love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.