



October 26, 2023

Social Time

Thanks to those who provided Treats

Music – Led by Lisa Schlotterback

- 715 - *Christ, Be Our Light*
- 793 - *Be Thou My Vision*
- 879 - *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayer Requests, Update Prayer List, Opening Prayer

A Clarifying Word

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 – Tonya Cox

Martha: Lazarus and Mary's Sister – Jan Becklin

Discussion

1. Have you ever been so busy with cooking and hostess duties that didn't have the time or energy to enjoy or really engage with your guests?
- If you feel like it, share a time when this happened to you. How did it make you feel?
2. As Martha's identity and her sense of self depended on the work she did, how was Jesus' comment received by her - "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."? Was it a rebuke? A learning opportunity? An invitation? A gift?
3. How do you relate to Mary's insight "it was clear that I did not need to make things perfect. God's love is perfect and that is sufficient."?
4. What fears get in the way of taking time to attend to your soul?
5. How do you take time to focus on what gives you life, feeds your spirit, or restores your soul?
6. How does Martha's advice to follow Psalm 46 resonate with you - "Be still and know that I am God."? What do you do to set distractions aside so you can be still and attend to God?
7. How do you seek to serve others while also giving priority to God?

Bible Study Business

Volunteer readers in coming weeks

Birthdays

Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer