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A Good Meal Gone Bad

Luke 10:38-42



Background:

This Sunday we welcome Mark Mitchell (pictured above), former pastor at Central Peninsula Church and our Men's Retreat speaker from last year, while our men are away at this year's retreat. We'll be in the story of Mary and Martha. Our text calls us to allow Jesus to minister to us, allowing Him to be what replenishes our souls. This is Jesus' invitation to all of us.

Sermon Text (ESV):

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38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus[d] entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Discussion Questions:

- Preparation
 - What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
 - What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- Sermon Questions
 - As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
 - Mark said that service itself isn't the problem, but the *spirit* of our service: our spirit can spoil our service! How have you seen your spirit spoil your service in one or more of these three ways?
 1. Spoils the experience for you
 2. Spoils the experience for others
 3. Spoils your relationship with God
 - This passage is in between Jesus's teaching on service/compassion (the Good Samaritan) and the importance of prayer (the Lord's Prayer). How does prayer & time with God (loving Him) help prepare your spirit before serving others (loving your neighbor)?
 - We often feel like we don't have any more to give amidst the busyness of our lives. But Mark encouraged us to learn the *discipline of replenishment*. How can you replenish yourself through purposefully:
 1. Spending time with *people* who replenish/energize you?
 2. Spending time in *activities* that replenish/energize you?
 3. Spending time in *places* that replenish/energize you?
 - In order to purposefully prioritize the discipline of replenishment, what aspect(s) of your calendar/busyness need to be reconsidered?