

# Neighbor[ing]

Love where you live.

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Plan Be

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*God decided exactly when and where they must live. Acts 17:26b (NCV)*

Today's Bible Text: Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

**Sermon in a Sentence:** Jesus offers every one of us plan "Be."

## Some thoughts in following Plan "Be"

- Doing the "right" things can \_\_\_\_\_ us from the greater thing.

*But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.*  
Luke 10:40a (NIV)

*"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one."*  
Luke 10:42 (NIV)

- Many "God" moments of life happen in the \_\_\_\_\_.

"Hurry is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life. We have to ruthlessly eliminate hurry from our lives." -Dallas Willard

**Q—Am I living at a pace that allows me to be available to those around me?**

- Be careful. Our busyness can lead to having a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.

*She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"* Luke 10:40b (NIV)

- Being with Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you to be with people.

*When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13 (NIV)*

**Q—Have you accepted Jesus' plan “Be” ?**

ANSWER KEY: divert, margins, critical, prepares

### **Doing Life Together Discussion**

- A Launching Point for Your Small Group -

Theme: *Right Thing vs. Greater Thing*

Warm Up: Who would you say modeled a strong work ethic to you growing up? What did you learn from them?

Sermon Response: What was most impactful from last Sunday or from the Neighboring series overall?

Read Together: Luke 10:38-42

Discuss:

- What do you know about Martha and Mary in their relationship with Jesus?
- What was Mary distracted about? How can we be so distracted with all that we do that we miss Jesus in the room?
- Do you identify more with Martha or Mary? If you were going to defend Martha in that moment what would you want to say?
- How can you relate with Martha's attitude at times to complain and criticize? How is a spirit of criticism so damaging in relationships and the overall unity in The Church?
- How did Mary do all the “right” things but ended up being corrected by Jesus?
- What does Jesus mean when he says to Martha about all her worry and stress, “but few things are needed- or indeed only one.” ?
- What was Jesus really inviting Martha, and us, into?
- How is “being” so important, versus always doing? How does this relate with being a good neighbor?
- Overall, how does this story speak to you the most regarding what you need to change in your actions and attitude this week, as you apply it specifically to your life?

Prayer: Pray together for needs but also share neighboring updates on what God has been doing.