



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

22-02-2026		Martha's servant act	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What's got under your skin this week?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a moment/ incident, all this time later, you are still remembered for/ defined by? What was it? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is hospitality a gift? <input type="checkbox"/> What's the difference between being a middle-class host and exercising the spiritual gift of hospitality? <input type="checkbox"/> On a sliding scale, do you lean more towards <i>contemplation</i> (being) or <i>action</i> (doing)? Why are these often pitched as either/or? What happens when they become both/and in our lives? How do we adjust the balance?		
 Read	Luke 10:38-42	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Study	<input type="checkbox"/> v.38 : What was Martha's unique contribution? What was it enabling? What does it mean to 'open your home' to others? <input type="checkbox"/> v.39 : What was Mary prioritising? Was it fair? When there is always so much to 'do', how do we create moments to 'be'? <input type="checkbox"/> v.40 : What was Martha prioritising? What do you hear in Martha's words? Her tone? When can 'doing' turn into resentment? How do we avoid that? <input type="checkbox"/> v.41 : Why does Jesus call her name twice? What could Jesus see and hear? What might Martha have been worried about? And upset about? What might have helped her? <input type="checkbox"/> v.42 : 'The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.' Yes, but <i>how</i> do we recognise the main thing? If contemplation and action are both/and, not either/or, how do we develop in the one we are less naturally comfortable with?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> The Greek word diakoneó for 'serving' used of Martha in John 12:2 is the same word used elsewhere for ministry/ ministering e.g. Matthew 4:11; Mark 10:45. <input type="checkbox"/> What happens to our acts of service/ volunteering when we / others / Christ see them as <i>ministry</i> ?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> Are you defined more by your 'being' or 'doing'? What, if any, adjustment do you need to make?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice balancing. Be aware of the constant minor adjustments you're making. Imagine you are balancing <i>contemplation</i> and <i>action</i> .		

 <p>Pray</p>	<p>Using Psalm 46:10, say this slowly and a few times.</p> <p>God says to me...</p> <p>Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know. Be still. Be</p>
 <p>My questions:</p>	

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