



Discussion Guide  
Stories Worth Sharing – Part 8  
LEADER GUIDE

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*Hey leaders! Throughout our summer series, "Stories Worth Sharing", we're excited to help our church see the character of Jesus and that we all have impactful stories to share. Just like we'll hear the Gospel in these stories, people can hear the Gospel through OUR stories!*

*Thank you for shepherding a group of people to Love God, Love Others, and Live Sent!*

NEED A RESOURCE, HAVE A QUESTION, OR WANT TO HAVE A CONVERSATION?  
Let us know how we can help! Contact your groups director or [discipleship@rockbridge.cc](mailto:discipleship@rockbridge.cc)

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**"The person who has God for his treasure has all things in one."**

[A.W. Tozer]

**LEADER RESOURCES || Leader Note** We do our best to equip, empower, and encourage you to shepherd your group well. Access a resource by clicking on the underlined title and share them with your group!

- **Passage Summary**
  - Jesus visits the home of sisters Mary and Martha. While Martha is busy with preparations, Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to his teaching. Martha, frustrated, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus gently rebukes Martha, saying that Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her. This passage highlights the importance of prioritizing spiritual nourishment over worldly concerns.
- **Luke Ch. 10 Commentary & Two Kinds of Discipleship**
  - Use this commentary and short article for background and encouragement. These would be good resources to share before you gather.
- **Fighting to Treasure God's Word**
  - This would be an encouraging resource to share with your group after you gather.

**ENGAGE & CONNECT || Leader Note** The goal for the icebreaker is to prepare your group for the conversation ahead by connecting with one another's hearts and building joy together.

What are you grateful for or how have you experienced joy in the past week? Let's celebrate!

**BEGIN WITH PRAYER || Leader Note** Begin your time together by thanking God for his presence and praying His word back to Him. Ask a few people to pray, beginning in a posture of humility and dependence!

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

*"I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.  
Lord, may you be blessed; teach me your statutes."*

[Psalm 119:11-12]

**BIG IDEA || Leader Note** Read this aloud so your group knows what the theme of today's discussion is.

As Christ followers, we are to be people who build our lives on and treasure God's word.

**PASSAGE || Leader Note** We would love for your group to read through the passage below prayerfully using *lectio divina*. Follow the steps below before moving into your discussion. Encourage your group to try using this during their own time with God this week by texting them the resource below!

- Slowly and prayerfully, have someone read Luke 10:38-42 aloud. Ask, "What word or phrase captures your attention or grabs your heart?" *(answers DO NOT need to be shared aloud)*
- Have someone read the passage aloud again (possibly in a different translation). Ask, "What longing in your life is God speaking into today?" *(answers DO NOT need to be shared aloud)*
- Have someone read the passage aloud a final time. Ask, "What invitation from the Lord do you sense? What might He be saying to you? Offer these to God in surrender and joy." *(answers DO NOT need to be shared aloud)*
- Ask, "Is there something anyone would like to share from this experience?"
- Say, "If you enjoyed this way of reading Scripture, consider adding it to your spiritual 'toolbox'. I will share this resource with you this week."
  - [HERE](#) is the lectio divina process!

**DISCUSSION || Leader Note** Your role is to FACILITATE the conversation, so keep your group moving and encourage multiple people to share, looking for opportunities to point out the grace and glory of God! Here are two REMINDERS: 1) Every question does NOT have to be answered ... there is freedom to go where the Spirit leads! 2) The answers do NOT have to be read aloud ... they are simply there for guidance!

1. What does the passage display about the character of God?
2. In the sermon we heard, "Mary cares more about the teachings of Jesus than the opinions of others." How have you elevated (or been tempted to elevate) the opinions of others over Jesus' teachings recently? *This is a good opportunity to go first!*
3. What does the passage tell us about who we are meant to be?
4. In the sermon we heard, "Trusting Jesus' teachings may not change what you do, but it will change how you do it." What decision, situation, or relationship in your life is Jesus inviting you to trust His teachings in? How will that affect the way you move forward?
5. What other questions or connections to your own life do you see in this passage?

**STEP OF OBEDIENCE || Leader Note** This is an opportunity for people to put into practice what the Spirit is inviting them to do and live in obedience to God for the sake of love! You can encourage your group to be accountable to one another and use these to follow up with one another throughout the week.

Trusting Jesus' teachings is TREASURING Jesus' teachings. God never calls you to be so distracted that you don't have time to treasure His teachings! *Based on the Spirit's prompting, what is a step of obedience that you can take today?* Here are a few questions to help you take a step of faith ...

- How will treasuring Jesus' teachings give you more freedom?
- How will treasuring Jesus' teachings protect you from distractions?
- How will treasuring Jesus' teachings help you experience new life in Christ?

Give your group a few moments to reflect on their answers to the questions above. Then have your group answer the question aloud. Feel free to separate into smaller groups of 3-4 for this question.

**PRAYER FOCUS || Leader Note** We want to commit to praying for OTHERS as a unified church who is dependent upon God for everything. Be intentional about saving at least 5 minutes for prayer at the end of your gathering each week to pray together. You can pray for one another as well as the prompt below!

### Treasuring Jesus' Teachings

- Father, we come before you with grateful hearts, seeking to treasure Jesus' teachings in our lives. Help us to embrace His wisdom, love, and grace in our daily actions.
- We humbly pray for His words to guide us and for His love to fill our hearts. Strengthen our resolve to reflect His light and to share His message of hope and salvation with the world.

**SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** We include a monthly spiritual practice that can be shared with your group after you gather. Our hope is for this to enhance what we're learning and discussing together, so share about your experience with the practice at the beginning of your gatherings or throughout the week!

Each of us has a story to tell how Jesus came into our lives, saved us from sin, and called us to Himself. When we share our stories with people around us, they can see our common humanity and that the saving work of Jesus Christ is available to all who believe and trust in Him!

**WHO ARE YOU PRAYING FOR GOD TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR STORY WITH?**

- [Sharing Your Story](https://rockbridge.cc/sharing-your-story) or [rockbridge.cc/sharing-your-story](https://rockbridge.cc/sharing-your-story)