

Discussion Guide Stories Worth Sharing — Part 8 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

"The person who has God for his treasure has all things in one."
[A.W. Tozer]

ENGAGE & CONNECT

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

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

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

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

PASSAGE

- 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

- 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?
- 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

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?

PRAYER FOCUS

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

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 or rockbridge.cc/sharing-your-story