

PreKeysis Outline

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Faith Fact: Ash Wednesday, which starts the beginning of Lent, is not actually a Holy Day of Obligation.

Review

- When does Christmas season start and end?
- What is the Epiphany?
- What are the first three commandments?
- With whom does it reflect our relationship? With God or man?

Martha & Mary: A Scripture Story

Vocabulary:

Disciple: a person who learns from another person and follows and spreads the teachings of that person.

Question: Why did Jesus spend time with his friends?

What do you do to help your friendship grow stronger?

1. Spend time together
2. Talk to our friends about things we don't share with others

What is a disciple?

- Jesus had many disciples, both male and female
- Discipleship demands
 - i. Faith & Trust
 - ii. Prayerful listening (spend time with Jesus)
 - iii. Confidence (in Jesus' love & concern for us)

Rd. Luke 10:38-42 One person narrator, One person Jesus, One person Martha

- Summarize Jesus' response to Martha
- What is the relationship between serving others and spending time alone with Jesus?
- What did Jesus want Martha to understand about being his disciple?

Two disciples, Two different approaches

- Martha seems to thrive on serving Jesus
- Mary is the reflective disciple
- True Christian discipleship is a blend of both responses
- Our service needs to be founded on prayerful listening to the word of God

True Hospitality

- Remember that Jesus stopped in Bethany on his way to Jerusalem to die
- Martha was excited to see him and wanted to celebrate with lots of food and guests
- Maybe all Jesus wanted was quiet and a calm place with a few friends
- True hospitality involves seeing into the heart of the person that we want to help, setting aside our plans momentarily, and doing only what that person needs.

The Liturgy of the Hours

- The church knows the importance of prayer
- Has times set aside for prayer at certain times during the day
 - Morning prayer celebrated at daybreak
 - Daytime prayer
 - Vespers, or evening prayer celebrated in the early evening
 - Compline, or night prayer which marks the end of the day

Balancing Prayer and Action

- How can we pray?
 - Blessing and Adoration—God creature, we the creatures
 - Petition
 - Intercession
 - Thanksgiving
 - Praise
- How can we put prayer into action?
 - Help clean or rebuild someone's house
 - Give good used clothing shoes, toys
 - Donate shoes or clothing
 - Tithe at church