

CBC's Women's Ministry Bible Study  
**TWELVE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN** by John MacArthur  
CHAPTER 9 - *Martha and Mary: Working and Worshiping (Luke 10:38-42)*

After reading chapter nine, please respond to each item in preparation for group discussion:

1. A family of three siblings was presented in this chapter whose hospitality and good friendship Jesus enjoyed. List their names in birth order.

What led MacArthur to surmise that to Jesus these three friends were like younger siblings whom he taught "profoundly practical lessons for young people coming of age"?

2. Scripture (Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-46; Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9) records three significant accounts of Jesus' interaction with this family by which we get a picture of 1) *the contrasting personalities and priorities of Martha and Mary*, and 2) *their understanding of Jesus' ministry*.

As you read the chapter, jot down what you learn about each woman:

**Martha**, the devoted servant

**Mary**, the true worshiper

3. This family was involved in what two events that inadvertently intersected with the sinister plot to kill Jesus?

#1

#2

4. In Luke 10 Jesus rebuked Martha when she implied that he didn't care for her and should tell Mary to help her. What evidence is found in Matthew 26 that his rebuke penetrated her heart and had a sanctifying effect on her?

5. Think about all that Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet with oil demonstrated to those watching. Compare her depth of understanding of Jesus' ministry with that of the twelve disciples.

6. Corruption of even our best actions can come through selfishness and human pride. Discuss this.

7. What we do is evidence of an active and real faith. However, works are not the instrument of justification.

Fill in the blanks: \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ MUST ALWAYS HAVE PRIORITY OVER \_\_\_\_\_ . (FAITH, WORKS, WORSHIP)

***"Mary...sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving."***

Luke 10:39-40 NKJV