

BEYOND SUNDAY

9.14.25

Before We Follow — *Luke 10:38-42* — Austin Hochstetler

- 1.** Austin shared a story about wandering through Mazatlán with a bad guide (himself). Can you think of a time when you trusted someone to guide you and it led to a misadventure?
- 2.** Read Luke 10:38–42 together. What do you notice about the contrast between Mary and Martha?
- 3.** Jesus doesn't criticize Martha's service, but He says Mary has chosen "what is better." Why do you think He said that?
- 4.** Martha was "worried and upset about many things." What are some of the "many things" that distract us from Jesus today?

- 5.** When do you feel most like Martha—busy, distracted, or trying to “do for” Jesus?
When do you feel most like Mary—resting, listening, and learning?
- 6.** Austin said, “Following Jesus begins with sitting at His feet.” What practices help you slow down and spend time with Jesus?
- 7.** The sermon challenged us to “open our ears, open our eyes, and change our posture.” Which of those feels most natural for you? Which one is hardest right now?
- 8.** How might we encourage one another in this group to spend more time being with Jesus, not just doing for Him?
- 9.** We often follow “a version of Jesus that we’ve invented” instead of the real person. What are some ways we might unintentionally reshape Jesus to fit our own preferences?
- 10.** Imagine if our church community really prioritized sitting at Jesus’ feet and knowing Him before doing for Him. What could that look like?