



Christmas Present

WARM UP

**What is your favorite movie version of A Christmas Carol and why?**

SET IT UP

Everyone wants to leave their mark on the world. The question is what kind of impact are you making? How we use our time now greatly affects our legacy later. So, how can we live to make a difference rather than live for distractions? Let's talk about it!

CHAT IT UP

1. **Share one thing about Christmas that stresses you out and why.**
2. Life seems to get busier with each passing year. It can feel as though we have more tasks than we have time. Martha sure felt that way. Let's check out her story. **Read Luke 10:38-40.**
3. Martha was obsessed with her to-do list and overwhelmed by the demands of life. **What's a task that often overwhelms you? How do you tend to react during times of stress?**
4. **Read Luke 10:41-42.** What surprises you about Jesus' reply to Martha?
5. Why do think so many people equate business with success? **How does this passage flip that paradigm?** (Hint: Jesus shows us that only one thing matters for eternity, our relationship with him).
6. Distraction is the enemy of your destiny! **What is something good that you may have to cut from your schedule to make room for something better?** (Hint: an extra-curricular activity, a spotless house, your social media account, or another Christmas party).
7. As you look back over this past year would you describe your spiritual life as one of focus or distraction? Share one step you can take this Christmas season to set a new course for 2017.

WRAP IT UP

It's so easy for us to slip into a Scrooge-like existence where our lives become consumed by our calendars and pursuit of more possessions. Let's make this Christmas different. Rather than losing focus of what matters most, let's take our cue from Mary and prioritize time with God. This holiday season, draw near to the God who drew near to you first.

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## LEADER TIPS

- Our Christmas Celebrations are a great way to prioritize your relationship with God and others. Take a few minutes as a group to discuss what Christmas Celebration you will attend and who you plan to invite to come along. For more information about our Christmas Celebration services check out [parkerhill.org/christmas/](http://parkerhill.org/christmas/).