



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: Luke 10:28-42; John 11:17-37

If you are interested in discovering your spiritual pathway, you may visit:

<https://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/spiritual-pathways-activity> or find the assessment available at the Welcome Table at Westwood.

**Book:** Sacred Pathways by Gary Thomas

## GETTING STARTED

Is there a time of year that you reevaluate things or activities in your life? Have you committed to any changes in January? If yes, which ones and how is it going?

Have you heard the story of Mary and Martha at their home before? What were the lessons you remembered?

## QUICK REACTIONS

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words and what point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

Had you heard the concept of spiritual pathways before? If so, where have you heard it? If not, what was your first impression upon hearing about it?

## QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

Have you built a picture of what a “good Christian” is supposed to do? Have these pictures helped you in your life, or have they made following Him more difficult?

How were Mary and Martha shaped differently? Do you know some people who connect with God through service? Do you know people who connect with God more like Mary?

Was there a pathway that you believe is truer for you? How do you see that play out in your life?

## EXPLORE THE PASSAGES [Luke 10:38-42; John 11:17-37]

What do you think Jesus was referring to when he said, “only one thing is needed” in Luke 10:42?

What did Mary choose? What did Martha choose? How do you see these choices in your own life?

Between these two stories, how did Mary respond in faith? How did Martha?

## APPLY THE PASSAGE

How might our connections with God look differently than those around us?

What is a way you can (or have) practiced your spiritual pathway?

How can we pray for each other?