



## *Pastor Hanke's Blog*

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### Read & Love

Bible Reference: Luke 10:38-42

Housework is never ending. There is always something else to do—some area that needs to be clean or something else to attend to. Our church property falls into the same category. The next project is always on the horizon, and it's not usually the fun projects either, but those "have to" jobs. So how do you prioritize housework, church work, and time to chill in fellowship with one another?

This is what we call the "Mary and Martha debate." Martha was all about the housework and Mary was all about the relational connection with Jesus. At first glance it may seem that Jesus is saying one is better than the other, but I don't think He was doing that. Instead, He was pulling them away from the human desire to compare and make one person and her actions better than the other. Jesus wants to remind us that both are important and have benefits.

At Mt. Calvary we talk a lot about being extraordinary servants, and we have a Discipleship Model that points out four areas where, as disciples of Christ, we can do that—worship, read, pray and love. That last one—love—plays into the importance of serving others, which leads back to taking care of your house and church. All four of these areas are important and have great value, and we do them at different times. This weekend we will talk about the Mary and Martha debate and what Jesus was teaching them, and us, about prioritizing our lives.

*God's Peace,*

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