



This week at Magdalen Road Church we continued our series as we follow Jesus on the way to the cross. After his challenging teaching last week of us following Jesus as THE Good Samaritan (who shows costly love, mercy and grace to his enemies) or the cost of following from 9v57-62, we may be left feeling pretty overwhelmed at how hard it is to follow him.

For that reason, Luke non-chronologically, inserts an account from nearer Jerusalem, where Martha gets service wrong. She gets so over-whelmed by all the stuff that she 'needs' to do for him (distracted means its become all consuming), that she ends up getting cross with him, and accusing him of not caring. We said that when we stop listening to the voice of Jesus, our service for him goes wrong.

Here are a few questions to help your group – some of which we raised as part of the sermon...

- Can you associate with Martha in these verses? Why? Why do you think Luke has moved this account here?
- When do we struggle to listen to his voice? Why does it get squeezed out? How can we squeeze it back in – both personally and corporately?
- What are the other voices that we listen to and that shape us? How do they shape your ruminations & internal monologue? Are you aware that they shape you?
- How can we pray for each other to be less Martha-like and more Mary-like as we sit at his feet and listen to his voice?