



Small Group Study Guide for December 8, 2019

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: PREPARE: Preparing Our Homes for Christmas - There are many preparations to be made during the holiday season, with family gatherings and special activities. How can we keep Jesus at the center of it all?

Getting Started:

1. When you were a child, how did your family prepare your home for Christmas?
2. How do you prepare your home now to celebrate Christmas?

In the Word: Luke 10:38-39

3. What is Martha's focus as she welcomed Jesus and his disciples into her home?
4. What is Mary's focus as Jesus was welcomed into her home?

Read Luke 10:40-42

5. What does Martha do to try and get Mary to help with all of the work?

6. Jesus' response was not what Martha was expecting, how did he respond to her request?

7. Jesus said that Mary chose what was better. What is Jesus referring to when he says that?

Putting it all Together

8. Which character in this story do you often see yourself as?

9. When you invite guests over to your home, how often do you worry about making sure everything is in the right place?

10. Christmas is quickly approaching and as we around and see many homes that are decorated for Christmas. What can you do to keep your focus on the one thing that matters, Jesus?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we have prepared our homes to celebrate your first coming, help us to keep our minds fixed upon Jesus. Give us strength to not worry about the many things we have going on during this season of Advent. We give you thanks for this wonderful gift that you have bestowed upon us through sending your Son into the world. Grant that in faith we might share this message of Christ to those around us. Amen.

Next Week – PREPARE: Preparing Our Community for Christmas: We have Good News to share with our neighbors, friends, and community, and get to do that in a special way at Christmas time. We offer a message different from the world's celebration – one focused on real Hope, Joy, and Peace.