



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023 | WEEK THREE - AT THE MOVIES

## WARM-UP QUESTION

What was the best Christmas gift you received when you were a kid?

## DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Did you have any new insights or key takeaways?

Read [Luke 10:38-42](#) (For this section, we suggest reading the passage in the NIV translation.)

- What differences do you see between Mary and Martha's actions in this passage? What stands out to you about each of them?
- Who do you identify with more – Mary or Martha? List any positives and negatives of their responses in this interaction with Jesus. How do those interactions connect to your life?
- Read verses 41-42 again. What words or phrases do you see in this text? What did Mary choose that was "better"?
- How can you be sure to choose what Jesus says is "better" more often? If you did, how would your thoughts, relationships and choices look different?

Read [Isaiah 43:1-4](#)

- What images stand out in this passage? How do they enhance your understanding of the text?
- What does this passage teach you about God's character? Name some of the characteristics of God that you see. (Not sure what God's characteristics are? Check out [this list](#) as a starting point!)
- Do you truly believe that you are fearfully and wonderfully created by God and that He knows your name? Spend a few minutes reflecting on that question before you respond. What keeps you from fully embracing that? How would your thought life look different if you believed and embraced those truths?
- When you believe that God knows your name, how does that help you choose what is "better" as we discussed with the first passage? How are the two ideas connected?



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## RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.

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