

Small Group Resource

Big idea: We love God by spending time with Him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Luke 10:38-42

John 15:1-14

Matthew 14:23

James 4:1-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who is your best friend other than God? How did you meet? What keeps your relationship growing?

Luke 10:38-42

How do Mary and Martha respond when Jesus comes to their house? What do you think is the primary motivation for their response? Think hard as the answer might surprise you.

What does Jesus desire more than anything based on this passage? When Jesus says that “only one thing is needed”, what one thing is He talking about?

If Jesus were to evaluate your choices regarding how to spend your time, how often would He say that you had made the better choice? Why did Mary make the better choice?

John 15:1-14

What kind of relationship does Jesus describe in these verses? What are you doing to stay connected to the vine?

James 4:1-8

What would you have to give up to spend 30 minutes with God each day? What needs to happen for you to begin doing this? If you're already doing this, what could you do to increase the quality of this time?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His desire to spend time with you.

Agree with God about the things

that you let interfere with time with Him.

Thank God for sending His love letter to you.

Ask God to open your eyes

to see opportunities to spend time with Him.

FAMILY RESOURCE

We love God by spending time with Him.

READ LUKE 10:38-40

What does Mary care about?

What does Martha care about?

Draw straws to see who sets the table for dinner and who cleans up afterwards.

READ LUKE 10:41-42

What is the “one thing” that is needed?

How do you make the “better” choice?

Play “match game” or “concentration”.

READ JOHN 15:4-5

What does Jesus say is important?

Make a list of things that help you remain “on the vine”.

Do some pruning/weeding together.

READ JOHN 15:6-8

What happens when we “remain in Jesus”?

What happens when we don't “remain in Jesus”?

Make a list of things that help separate you from “the vine”.

Tell each other one thing that you'll either start or stop doing to help you “remain in Jesus”.

Ask each other daily if you've done what you said.

MEMORY VERSE

One of the _____ of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that _____ had given them a good answer, he asked Him, “Of all the _____, which is the most _____?” “The most important one,” answered _____, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our _____, the Lord is one. Love the _____ your God with all your _____ and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your _____.’ The second is this: ‘Love your _____ as yourself.’ There is no _____ greater than these.”

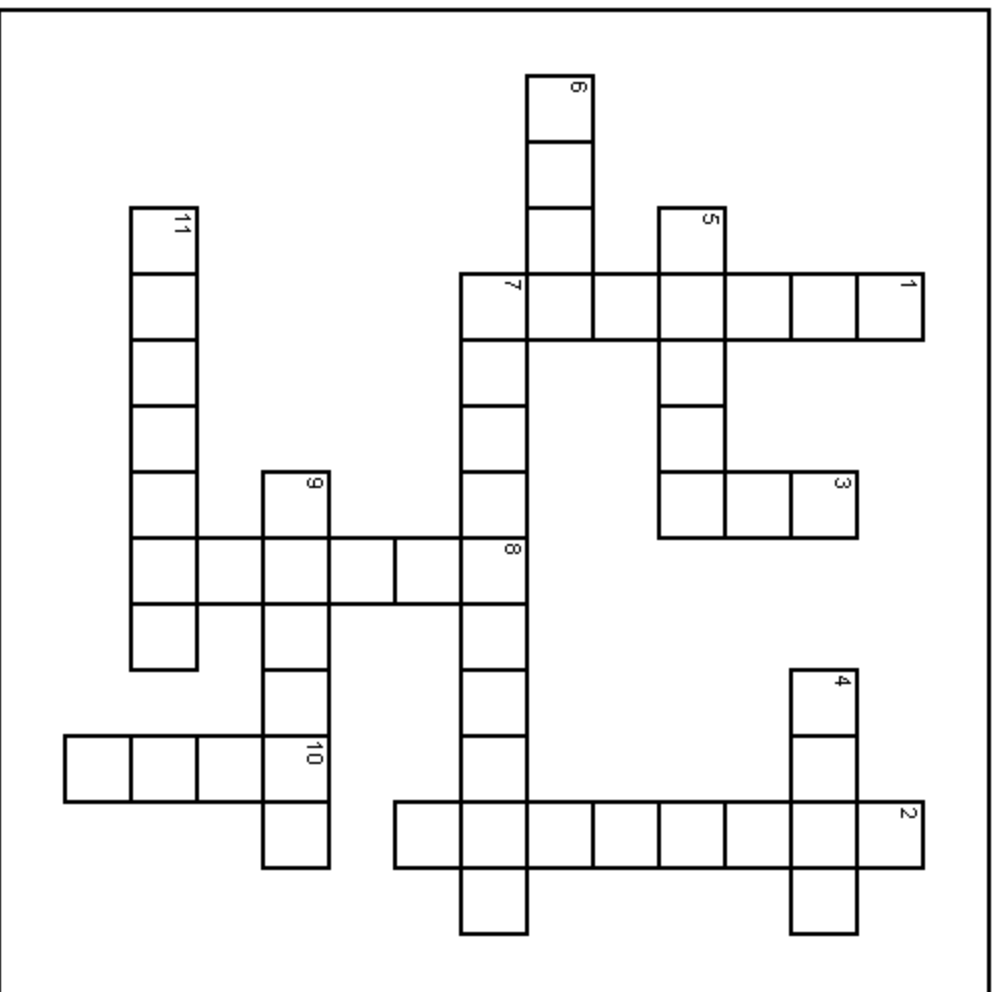
Mark 12:28-31 (NIV)

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Luke 10 & John 15

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



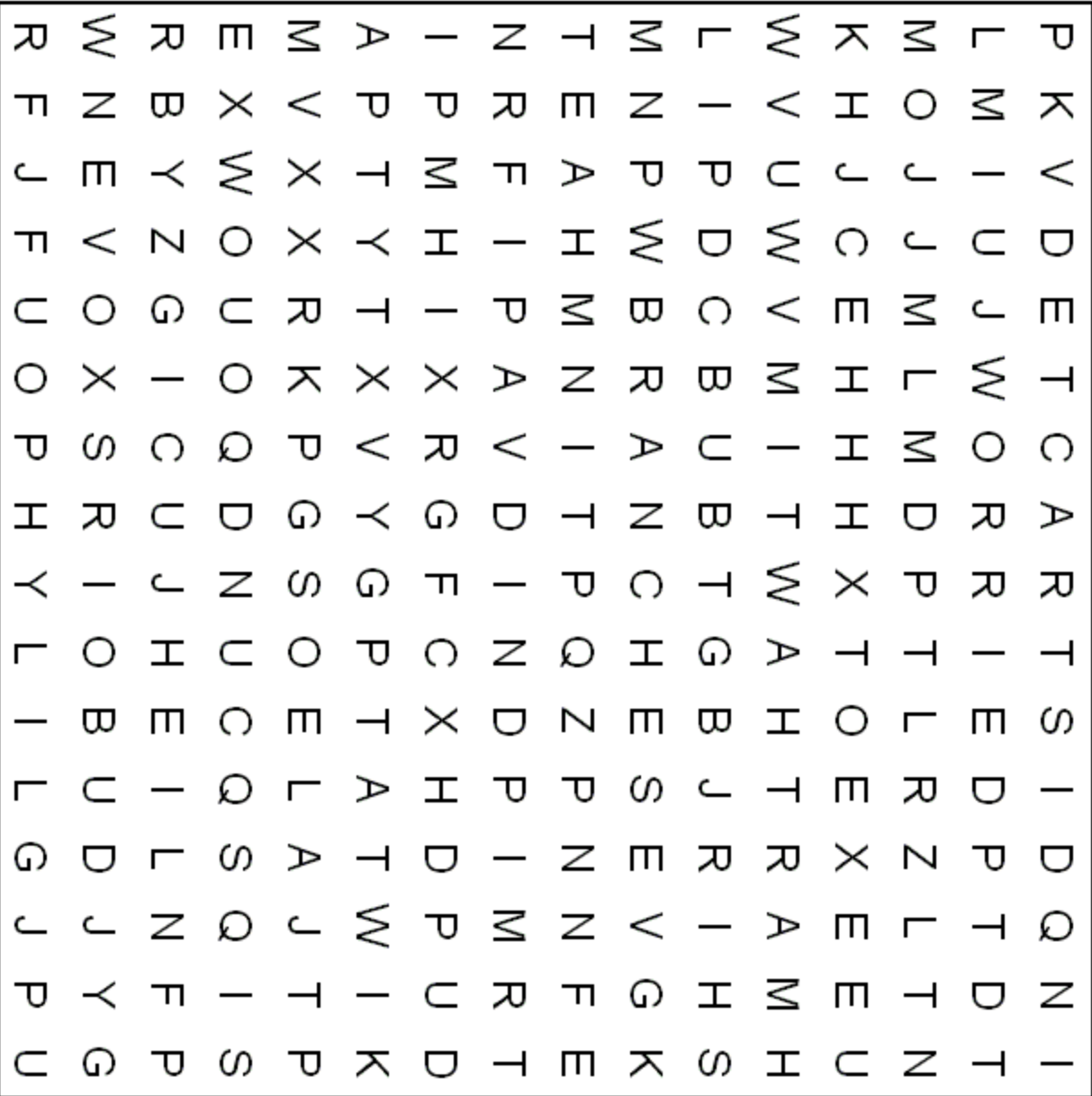
Across

- Martha's sister (Luke 10:39)
- something that is good for you to eat (John 15:4)
- Jesus is this part (John 15:5)
- Martha was this (Luke 10:40)
- she opened her home to Jesus (Luke 10:38)
- what we can do without Jesus (John 15:5)

Down

- what Martha was (Luke 10:41)\
- our part of the plant (John 15:5)
- what Mary did (Luke 10:39)
- stay (John 15:4)
- what Martha was looking for (Luke 10:40)

Luke 10 & John 15



worried

nothing

martha

remain

distracted

fruit

vine

sat

help

Mary

branches