

**Luke 10:38-42**  
**Welcome, Lord Jesus!**  
**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**1. Welcome of Submission**

**a. Personal Discipleship Agenda**

Mary submissively welcomed Jesus as Lord, undistractedly listening to his word so she could know and obey his personal agenda for her as his disciple.

*Submissive welcoming of the Lord Jesus into your life centres on careful listening to his word to discover his dynamic discipleship agenda for you, an agenda you obediently submit to.*

**b. Unstoppable Agenda**

The Lord Jesus promised that no one would be allowed to frustrate his discipleship agenda for Mary, an agenda she could count on his support to fulfill.

*You can count on the Lord to not allow his discipleship agenda to be taken away from you and also on his full support of that agenda.*

**2. Welcome of Subjugation**

**a. Frustrated Personal Agenda**

Martha was anxious and frustrated that neither Mary nor the Lord Jesus, her indebted guest, would serve her personal agenda, a societally determined agenda, of becoming the village's premiere hostess.

*Welcome the Lord Jesus into your life thinking you can subjugate him or his disciples to fulfill your own personal agenda and you can expect to be anxious and frustrated.*

**b. Distraction of Personal Agenda**

Martha's personal agenda distracted her from hearing the Lord Jesus' words to discover his discipleship agenda, an agenda he would protect for her and support her to fulfill.

*A pursuit of your own personal agendas will distract from careful listening of the Lord's word to discover the superior and supported agenda he has for you as his disciple.*

**Summary:** Welcome Jesus as Lord; submit to his personal discipleship agenda and avoid the anxiety and frustration accompanying the pursuit of distracting personal agendas that the Lord Jesus will not support.

### **Application & Deployment**

1. Submission to the Lord's personalized discipleship agenda
  - a. Through which ways has the Lord revealed his personal discipleship agenda to you?
  - b. Through which of these is the Lord presently tweaking or reshaping your personal discipleship agenda?
  - c. What are you hearing him telling you to do?
  - d. What will you have to trust him for in order to step into this agenda?
  - e. What is your strategy in implementing this change to your life?
2. For Martha, her frustration and anxiety was connected to her striving to fulfill her own personal agenda. Think about the cause of your present or most recent episode of frustration and or anxiety/worry.
  - a. Like Martha, is there a personal agenda you have chosen over the agenda that the Lord has for you? If so, describe that agenda.
  - b. How has this agenda specifically distracted you from listening to the Lord's word and discovering his agenda for you?
  - c. What steps are you going to take to correct this situation?