

ENEMIES OF DELIGHT - WEEK 1

SCRIPTURE - Luke 10:38-42 NRSV, Matthew 7:21-23 NRSV

MAIN IDEAS - Finding delight in the presence of Jesus is what truly forms our hearts and desires.

NOTES

More than any other time in history, our faith is driven by content that we consume and actions that we take and we tend to use those things as the measuring stick of our faith.

We approach church as content

We approach our walk with Jesus as actions or behavior

We approach scripture as a tool to be used for our gain

Luke 10:38-42 NRSV

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, 42 but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

διακονία - diakonia (pronounced dee-ak-on-ee'-ah) - service, ministering, esp. of those who execute the commands of others

Jesus values people being in his presence more than he values their work

What path have we chosen?

We've done the work of God without the presence of God

Our doing has become an enemy of delight

When we delight in the presence of Jesus, we will be forever changed

Matthew 7:21-23 NRSV

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Read the one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) in order to encounter Jesus

Colossians 1:13-22

For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

16 for through him God created everything

in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see

and the things we can't see—

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

17 He existed before anything else,

and he holds all creation together.

18 Christ is also the head of the church,

which is his body.

He is the beginning,

supreme over all who rise from the dead.[f]

So he is first in everything.

19 For God in all his fullness

was pleased to live in Christ,

20 and through him God reconciled

everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth

by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

21 This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22 Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.