

# Lesson 1: Peeking into the Window

Welcome to our first MIC Bible study! You made it here; that was the hardest part. As we prepare to dig into God's Word together let's start with two things:

- ★ Don't be overwhelmed or intimidated by God's Word. Remember, it's written for YOU. We'll step through it together; when you do your lessons and pray for understanding you'll be surprised at what God will show you.
- ★ Be present. Opposition WILL come to keep you from being here – count on it. But, when you come, God will show you some amazing truths. Even if you don't get your lesson done or have been absent, JUST COME. Commit to see this through.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- 1) What preconceived ideas do you have about Mary and Martha?

Mary	Martha

Read Luke 10:38-42.

- 2) Describe the scene. Who was there? What preparation had to be made? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 3) How would you deal with the prospect of Jesus coming to YOUR house? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 4) Right off the bat, who do you identify with more – Mary or Martha? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Re-read Luke 10:38-42.

- 5) Do you believe you are destined to ONLY be a Mary or a Martha? Why/why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) What does the Bible say about our potential for change in the following verses?

Ezekiel 36:26-27 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 Corinthians 5:15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Philippians 1:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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7) Have you seen God truly transform someone's life or your own? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8) On the contrary, have you seen changes occur that were only temporary or superficial? What did you see as the difference between a true transformation and a temporary fix? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Read Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message): "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."*

9) What phrases of this verse speak directly to you? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10) Write Matthew 11:28-30 (go to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) for other translations) on an index card and put it where you see it daily. Tell God about this promise and how it relates to you personally. Get ambitious; memorize it phrase by phrase until you have it all committed to memory.

11) Take a few minutes to explain this lesson to your kids. What did you tell them?  
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