Pacific Community Church
Growth Group Sermon Questions

Date: November 8th, 2026
Sermon Series: Standalone
Sermon Title: "When Sitting Still Does More Than Running Around"
Primary Text(s): Luke 10:38-42

1. **Read Luke 10:38-42.**

2. **Are you naturally more like Martha or Mary? Why?**

   Leader's Notes: Martha represents someone who sees need, takes initiative, and wants to get things done. Mary represents someone who prioritizes sitting with Jesus, listening, and being present. Most of us have a little of both in us. Encourage people not to view Martha as bad and Mary as good, but to consider what Jesus is inviting Martha to recognize.

3. **What stands out to you about Jesus' response to Martha? What do you think He was trying to teach her?**

   Leader's Notes: Jesus doesn't criticize Martha for serving or showing hospitality. He identifies that she is worried and distracted by many things. Mary's posture at Jesus' feet demonstrates that being with Jesus takes priority over doing things for Him. Jesus identifies that Mary has chosen what is better.

4. **Why do you think it's so easy to become busy doing for Jesus while neglecting time with Jesus?**

   Leader's Notes: Ministry, work, family, church involvement, and even good things can crowd out our relationship with God. Sometimes activity makes us feel productive, valuable, or spiritually fulfilled. We can mistake being busy with being spiritually fruitful.

5. **In the sermon, Dave contrasted Corman and Aiden's approaches to sharing the gospel. What was different about their approaches, and what does this teach us about the relationship between prayer and mission?**

   Leader's Notes: Corman approached the people with hostility, aggression, and force. His efforts were unsuccessful. Aiden approached the same mission with humility, prayer, compassion, and service, particularly toward the poor. The mission was ultimately fruitful. The point isn't that prayer guarantees a particular outcome, but that our work needs to flow out of dependence on God rather than our own effort.

6. **The sermon shared several stories of movements that began with prayer, including Hungry for Life, 24-7 Prayer, and the story of the Mukattam Mountain. What do these stories reveal about the role of prayer in God's work?**

   Leader's Notes: Each story highlighted people who turned to God in prayer before taking action. Prayer isn't simply something we do when we've run out of options, it is where we begin. God can work through ordinary people who are willing to seek Him.

7. **Dave said, "Pray first, pray during, pray after." What would it look like to put this into practice in your everyday life?**

   Leader's Notes: Praying first looks like inviting God into decisions, conversations, plans, and challenges before acting. Prayer during is to remain attentive to God's voice throughout the day, not just during designated prayer times. Praying after looks like reflecting, giving thanks, surrendering outcomes, and asking God what He might be teaching you.

8. **What are some things currently competing for your attention and making it difficult to sit at the feet of Jesus?**

   Leader's Notes: Consider busyness, anxiety, responsibilities, distractions, expectations, social media, or the pressure to accomplish more. Sometimes the things distracting us aren't bad things. They may be good things that have taken an unhealthy priority.

9. **Dave challenged us to consider whether our work is making an eternal difference and whether it carries the fragrance of Jesus. How might we evaluate the fruitfulness of our own activity?**

   Leader's Notes: Are our actions characterized by love, humility, compassion, and character of Jesus? Are we becoming more like Christ through the things we're doing? Help the group distinguish between being productive and being spiritually fruitful.

10. **What is one practical step you could take this week to make prayer a greater priority in your life?**

    Leader's Notes: Encourage specific, realistic commitments rather than vague intentions to pray more. Examples: spend 10 minutes sitting with Jesus each morning, praying before checking your phone, beginning meetings and conversations with prayer, etc.

11. **End with prayer requests.**