

**ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND**  
***'Sharing Christ through friendship' - SMALL GROUPS NOTES***

Wk/beg 21 July 2013. **Bible passages: 2 Tim 3:14-end and Luke 10:38-42**

**Please read the passages.**

**Meeting with Jesus – Jesus meets Martha and Mary**

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	Either: a) Share experiences of hospitality – given and received. b) What makes us feel welcome in homes and at church? Or: How do we prioritise when things clash with Church?
<b>Worship</b>	Choose songs/hymns that help us think about priorities in our lives and faith. Suggestions: Seek ye first the kingdom of God (SOF 493) To be in your presence (SOF 1067) Brother sister let me serve you (SOF 54) When we walk with the Lord (SOF 599)
<b>Word</b> (refs. ↓)	NB 9am Sermon available to listen to on <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> (click on the 'downloads' tab).
2 Tim 3: 14-end	How has Timothy been well equipped to serve God? What are the “scriptures” he has known from infancy and how do you understand the claim made in v 15?  How well are we equipped? How can we be better equipped?  The bible is a library of sixty six books of various genres, written over hundreds of years by many different authors. Yet, “all scripture is God-breathed” v16. Ask the Holy Spirit who inspired all the writers to reveal God’s truth to us each time we read his word. Share what he reveals from today’s passages and other examples of God speaking to you through scripture.
Luke 10: 38-42	What are Martha’s needs? What are Mary’s? How does Jesus meet those needs? What distractions might keep us today from sitting at Jesus feet i.e. being a fruitful disciple? Are there “many things” in our lives that cause us anxiety and get in the way of our putting Jesus first? What is the “one thing” that is needed? v41
	Mary came to Jesus. She became a disciple. What about us? If we are his disciples what responsibilities does that bring? How can we balance “sitting at his feet” with the commission to “make disciples”? Read Mt 6:33
<b>Witness</b>	Pray/Act – First, <b>Focus on the Holy Spirit</b> , who shows us <b>Jesus</b> , then on <b>Jesus</b> who shows us the <b>Father</b> , who is <b>LOVE</b> . When we see Jesus, we see LOVE in person. And he is with us. Spend a few minutes resting in the presence of Jesus, receiving his love. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.  Pray for right priorities. For a deeper relationship with Jesus and a clearer understanding of how to share his love. Consider inviting someone to Holiday at Home, (14-16 August) or to a group social event over the summer. Or simply for coffee or an ice cream!