



## PART 1: MAKING ROOM FOR GOD

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### Sermon Notes

#### Text:

#### Intro:

We are not just about filling a Church building with people. We are about filling people with God.

#### Making Room For God

##### 1. Luke 10:38-42 - Mary sitting at Jesus' feet

Before we talk about the need for us to make room for God, we recognize the fact that God first made room for us!

Often the urgent distracts us from what is truly most important, and what is truly most valuable.

Parable of the sower (Matthew 13) - The cares of this life can "choke" out the word of God.

We don't start becoming like Jesus by trying to be like Him. Instead, we start by spending time with Him.

Don't let the temporary value of a task keep you from experiencing the eternal value of the presence of God.

##### 2. Haggai 1:2-4 - What keeps you from making room for your relationship with God?

God has given us exactly enough time to do what he has called us to do

#### Application - Making Room for God

1. *Consider doing a de-cluttering of your life to make room for God*

2. *Write a list of your priorities, and a list of your "posteriorities"*

What is something you can do less of that will make more room for something more important?

3. *Cancel whatever you need to cancel to take time to sit quietly at Jesus' feet*

Psalm 46:10

#### Conclusion

person do to ensure their life is like healthy soil, which can receive the word of God and produce fruit?

## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

3. What are your thoughts on the move to having two services on Sunday morning starting October 21? Which service are you more likely to attend?
4. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

### Study & Discussion:

1. Consider the story of Martha and Mary. Are you normally more like Martha or Mary? Do you let busyness get in the way of more important priorities? What can you do to change that?
2. Read Haggai 1:1-11. What excuse were the people giving to not rebuild the temple? Why isn't that a good excuse?
  - God said "Give careful thought to your ways" (v. 5, 7). What were the consequences of not prioritizing their relationship with God? These consequences were based on the covenant (deal with God) that the people had agreed to (see Deuteronomy 28:38-42). We live in a different covenant, but our lives are still negatively affected when we don't prioritize God. What are some of those affects?
3. Read the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23. Consider this parable in light of the theme of "Making Room." What can a

### Application:

1. Consider the three points of application from the sermon (see notes). Is there some "clutter" you need to get rid of? What would you write on your "posteriorities" list? Is there something you can cancel this week to make room for God?

### Prayer:

- Pray for a heart like Mary, who prioritized being with Jesus.

### Other Requests

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