



St. Paul Lutheran ADULT Bible Study

Martha and Mary

Luke 10:38-42

St. Ignatius was a priest in Spain in the early-mid 1500s. He became well known for his writing and leadership in spirituality. One of his “techniques” in Bible study was to use one’s imagination while engaging with Scripture. He suggested reading not to “understand” but instead to experience. He suggested putting yourself in the story, become a participant. In this story, we might wonder what the house looked like, what the cooking smells were, who else was in the room. Use the following questions to prompt your thinking. Don’t worry about being right or wrong. Let your imagination go! (If you want to read more about St. Ignatius and his style of spirituality, [click here.](#))

- What do I see and hear? What do I smell, taste, or touch?
- Who are the characters and what's going on with them?
- If I were in this movie, what role would I play?
- If I were Jesus in this story, what would I be thinking, feeling, saying?

[This is a link to](#) an interesting reflection and prayer litany based on the story of Mary and Martha. The author is Fran Pratt. I don’t know much about her other than she is a pastor in Texas. But I hope this maybe illuminating for you!