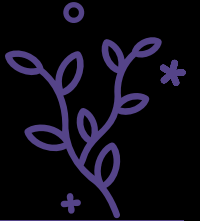


GARDENS & STORIES

WEEK #1



Welcome to the first edition of G&S for 2022. We are kicking things off with the amazing passage in the Gospel of Luke where Jesus visits his friends Mary and Martha for a feed.

This reflection format is a bit experimental. But the idea is that we're trying to spread the weight of our communal learning & spiritual formation process throughout each week. So instead of (for example) just trying to accomplish everything with a monologue on Sunday morning, this is an invitation to YOU to engage, participate, dive in as much as you are able.

We're gathering 7:30pm this Thursday night at Oaken cafe, and we'll dive in a bit more then. We'll be getting small groups up and running next week, and that'll be a chance to go a bit deeper.

In the meantime, check out the Bible reading. And these reflection questions should help to cue things up for later on.

'Till next time 🙌

READING

LUKE 10:38-42

Give yourself ten minutes for this.

1. Read the passage two or three times, slowly.
2. What stands out here? What's your feeling about this scene? Who do you identify most with? What do you like? Can you taste the tension?
3. We'll address this a bit more later, on Thursday and in small groups. But to warm up, what are some expectations, social pressures, roles or norms that you feel or have felt pressure to conform to?

MARTIN LUTHER KING: "INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE. WE ARE CAUGHT IN AN INESCAPABLE NETWORK OF MUTUALITY, TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY. WHATEVER AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY, AFFECTS ALL INDIRECTLY."

STUDENT
Soul