

VIRTUAL CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

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CONNECT

Angie shared a funny story about April Fools pranks in her family. Do you have family stories of a prank-gone-wrong? Were you the instigator?

GROW

- In Minnesota and many other states, requirements for staying at home are slowly lifting. Where do you see **tension** or **conflict** as people process the feelings around this? What feelings do you have about it?
- Read: **Luke 10:38-42**
- In this Bible story, Martha had certain **expectations** about how things should go when Jesus visited their house. Think of a time when you expected one thing and it turned out another way. Were you able to see the other side of things, or did it take a while to get over it?
- Angie asked us to consider, "**What is that one thing you need?**" When relationships get strained or people struggle to listen, how do you see them focused on needing too many things? Or needing the wrong things? Even though, as cities open up, we *could* go back to business-as-usual which includes many wants and needs, do you think focusing on that *one thing* could help us with a new normal? What would that look like for you?
- Jesus reminds Martha that she's not loved by what she's accomplished, but rather by who she is. How could you remind yourself of that this week?

PRAY

God, it's easy for our unrealistic expectations to get in the way of that *one thing* we truly need. Remind us that your love does not depend on what we do or don't do. You love us because of who we are. And we are yours. Amen.