

Scripture Lessons

Luke 10: 38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

John 15: 12-15

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.



All This Sainted Difference Is What God Wants: The Beauty and Mystery of Abakua.

Join us next Sunday evening, March 13 at 5:00 for a presentation from Dr. Ivor Miller, a renowned scholar of the African diaspora. Ivor has done years of research into the secret world of Cuban Abakua, a new world tradition that is practiced mostly in Havana and Matanzas, but that has roots in Southern Nigeria and Cameroon. This is a powerful ritual system that has shaped the history of the greater Atlantic world, and it's another of the traditions that have been mostly ignored by Protestant Christians. It's time to change that, as we become more educated and informed about the rich tapestry of traditions and rituals that continue to shape the lives of people on both sides of the Atlantic. Ivor is the author of several books, among them *The Voice of the Leopard*, about Abakua and its African cousins, and *Aerosol Kingdom*, about early graffiti artists in New York City. It will be a special honor to hear from him on the 13th. A Zoom link will be posted on our website, and sent out via email.