



**Date:** January 8, 2023  
**Title:** *Let Your Hair Down*  
**Scripture:** *Luke 7.36-50*

### **Introduction to Analog**

The word, Analog, means “something that is similar or comparable to something else”. Analog is designed to be a tangible way to take another, deeper, look into each week’s Sunday morning message. Individuals, friends, small groups, and families can use Analog for further discussion and exploration of the Sunday teaching. May this tool help you explore the expansive heart of God and practice love in the ways of Jesus.

### **Teaching Season**

There are several stories that cause one to wonder exactly who Jesus is. While we may be quick to offer an answer, Luke does no such thing. Rather he tells several stories of parables, interactions and miracles all leading up to Jesus asking the question himself: “Who do you say I am?” And we are invited to respond.

### **Teaching**

We will explore how often we prefer to be more like the dinner host than the woman in this story - as one who calls the party rather than one who takes the position of a servant. MLK once said, “Anyone can be great because anyone can serve.” This story points to that very thing. May we follow her example.

Listen to the teaching [online](#) or on the DCC App

**Opening Question for the Group:** Start your group discussion with the question below.

- 1) What is your high and low from the past week?

### **Questions for Discussion or Reflection**

Here are some questions for discussion or reflection. Don’t feel like you have to cover them all, and you may have questions of your own to ask. The Spiritual Practice for this week could be very meaningful for you or your group, so plan on 10 minutes or so for this exercise. If you are using this in a group context, read through these questions and the Spiritual Practice before your group meets to familiarize yourself with this material. You may want to send this out to the group before you meet.

1. What stands out from this week’s teaching? Did anything specific catch your attention as you listened?
2. What goes through your mind when you hear the word “sinner”?

3. The word “sinner” means “to miss the mark.” As image bearers, it carries the idea of that which is below us; what goes through your mind when you consider this?
4. Interact with this quote: “It is really shocking how little Jesus is shocked by human failure and sin ... He is only and consistently upset at people who do not think they are sinners.”
5. In what ways are both right wing conservatives and left wing progressives similar when it comes to legalism?
6. It’s been said “grace is scandalous.” When you contemplate grace how does it feel unfair, difficult to trust and/or scandalous?

### **Spiritual Practice:**

This week for our formation practice, we invite you to listen to our guided time of prayer and reflection. You can listen to this guided prayer by clicking on the link below. You can also access the spiritual formation podcast through the DCC App.

[Spiritual Formation Podcast: The Welcoming Prayer](#)