



**Date:** April 23th, 2023

**Title:** Fake News or Breaking News!?

**Scripture:** Luke 9:18-20

### **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 explored how Jesus prompted the disciples to process not how others understood Jesus but how they personally understood him. Similarly, it’s easy for us to get caught up in the opinions of others rather seeking to better know Jesus for ourself. Misha encouraged us to consider this for ourselves as well as doing this in a collective setting.

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’s been bringing you joy lately?

### **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 do you hear "the crowd" around you say who Jesus is? (Society, politicians, your family, social media, etc.)
2. How are those views of Jesus influencing you?
3. Who do you say Jesus is based on your past experiences, events, trauma, etc?
4. How does that contrast who the Bible says Jesus is?

### **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: Embodiment Prompts](#)