



Date: April 30th, 2023

Title: Having It All For Nothing

Scripture: Luke 9:21-27

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 the story when Jesus asked his followers to pick up their cross while considering that it’s possible this idea is not how we’ve understood it in the past. In light of this, Michale discussed the idea of “soul” and how it is the very thing that we can learn to trust, for it is the voice of God with all of us.

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 a favorite trip or vacation you’ve taken and why?

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. How do these words of Jesus change when we consider what the disciples thought about the cross?
2. What are the biggest challenges in “picking up your cross”?
3. In what tangible ways would your life look different if you refused to allow your fears to rule and reign?
4. Discuss the following: In inviting us to pick up our cross, what was Jesus saying about his own crucifixion?

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: Breathe Prayer — Create In Me A Clean Heart](#)