



Date: June 11th, 2023

Title: Thirty-Six Groups of Two

Scripture: Luke 10:1-24

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

In an echo of Moses appointing elders, Jesus appoints 72 people and sends them out much the way he did his 12 disciples in Luke 9. However, we have more commentary about this event after they return from their time on the road. And it suggests something new is taking root, and whatever that is, it leads to joy flowing from the heart of Jesus. So, what was it that happened?

We therefore explored how those who Jesus sent out to do his work were able to do the work of the kingdom they were entrusted with. And this is a lesson for us today. Just as Moses needed help so too does Jesus. And Jesus is still inviting us to help today. The invitation for us is to be those who go into places to bring healing and hope and good news, and in doing so, understand the joy that comes with that: the joy of the kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven.

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

- 1) What fictional character do you relate to most 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. What does human flourishing look like?
2. Why do people often miss the activity of God in their midst?
3. How does your concept of victory change when you consider "victory through peace"?
4. In what ways do we avoid healing?
5. In what ways has your healing worked its way out into the world?

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: Saint Patrick's Breastplate](#)