



**Date:** June 18th, 2023

**Title:** There I No Them

**Scripture:** Luke 10:25-37

### **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**

Humans have an astounding tendency to remember the parts of the story that serve the opinion we would like to have of someone, and easily forget the times we served one another and treated each other with honor and dignity. How interesting that the most recent offense has a way of blotting out of our memories of years of good. What is it that is so painful about remembering the joy that once was while in the midst of angst? Isn’t this life and relationships? One day we honor each other and the next we insult each other (knowingly and unknowingly), and in the middle we have to figure out how to go about remembering our stories with others. What do we hold onto? What do we let go of? What action gets to have the last word about someone in our heads? Or is there a better way Jesus invites us to go about this?

We explored the long sordid history between the Jews and Samaritans as a way of reflecting on the ways we act toward others – individuals and groups – with whom we have a history.

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 favorite road trip snack?

### **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 does the Hebrew understanding of "mercy" expand the way you think of "showing mercy"?
2. What are examples of poor religion that allow for the the "sins of omission"?
3. Why is it difficult to see ourselves in the "other"?
4. What would it look like for you to "go and do likewise"?

### **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: Imaginative Prayer - The Dead Girl](#)