



**Date:** June 4th, 2023

**Title:** You Must Be Crazy

**Scripture:** Luke 9:57-62

### **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**

It can feel good to quote Jesus when he says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” But in this text, none of that seems true. People are not supposed to have a home, bury their dead or treat their families with respect?

While these words are challenging, Jesus is inviting his followers toward a single-minded way of life. One that is devoted to and focused on the true, good and beautiful life of the Kingdom. This is in keeping with the traditions found within Judaism and Christianity – both seeing God as one. If God is one, then we are invited to live and be the same.

We explored how in our lives and world today, we are torn apart and divided; there is less integration and more disintegration. Jesus invites a singular focus, which, if lived out by us, may bleed into our world.

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

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

- 1) If you were giving a tour of your hometown, or some place you consider home, where's the first place you would show?

### **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 would you define the religious life and what might it cost you?
2. What will you do with your "religious instinct" when it comes up?
3. What is it like to move from your small world and move toward the Kingdom of God?
4. What would you write on your tombstone?
5. What's the point of following Jesus?

### **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: Breath Prayer — The Lord Is My Shepherd](#)