



**Date:** September 24th, 2023

**Title:** Eyes Wide Open

**Scripture:** Luke 11:33-36

### **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**

The phrase Jesus uses about the “eye being the lamp of the body” was a Jewish idiom that spoke about generosity. This is why the word “healthy” in the NIV translation can also refer to “generous.” It seems then, Jesus teaches that generosity brings about light within us, a light that reflects the generosity of God. Of course, speaking about generosity has fallen on hard times. But if Jesus is inviting us to be generous, then this is something we need to pay attention to, remembering he is always inviting everyone toward full life – a life filled with light. Jesus seems to be onto something and we explored this through the lenses of generosity, abundance, and fullness.

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 go-to karaoke song?

## **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 new insights did you learn about the context for Luke 11:33-36 speaking about generosity?
2. How did the ancient view of the eyes being the lamp of the body surprise you, make you laugh or confuse you?
3. In what ways does our current culture perceive the role of the eyes similarly?
4. How does your view of God's generosity shape that kingdom value in your own life?
5. When are the times / experiences you find yourself with a scarcity view and when do you find yourself with an abundance view of God's provision?
6. How has the practice of savoring this week shaped your gratitude and ability to embody generosity in your life?

## **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: Reflective Prompts](#)