



Date: October 15, 2023

Title: This is a Movement

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

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 MANY THINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN ONE HEARS THE WORD “CHURCH”; A BUILDING, A GROUP OF PEOPLE, SOMETHING ONE ATTENDS, WOUNDING, NEEDLESS, AND THE LIST GOES ON. BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS THING WE CALL “CHURCH”. WE WILL SPEND THREE WEEKS EXPLORING WHAT THE CHURCH IS AND DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PART OF IT.

Teaching

Jesus’ final words to his disciples as he ascended into heaven were “go.” This reflects something we witness in the life of Jesus that is so compelling that we believe it is the best and brightest hope for the world and which we live. In Jesus we see all that was promised and a glimpse of what it to come. In Jesus we have the hope of the reconciliation and unity of all things. It’s a work he wants to do and is doing in each of us. A work he is doing in every single place of the mutliverse – from the atomic level upward. And we are invited to join him in that work.

This is a movement that was started in the backwoods of Northern Galilee and has not stopped since. It’s not about furthering a religion or making our church brand more well-known or being relevant or proving ourselves right. Not. At. All. This is about celebrating the Christ, imitating the Christ, and working together to see the Kingdom of Heaven come on earth as it is in heaven. It is a movement.

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

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

1. Would you consider yourself more book-smart or street-smart?

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. When you think about religion or spirituality being a list of "things to do" how does that strike you?
2. Interact with the words Jesus spoke to his followers:
As you go ...
Make disciples ...
Immerse them ...
Instruct them in practice ...
3. What is your response to the detail in Matthew 28.17, "some doubted"?
4. What are ways you can be more intentional "as you go ..."?

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: Payer of Saint Benedict](#)