



Date: October 1st, 2023

Title: Hand It Over

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:15

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

We explored how Tradition has long been a part of the Church. Some scoff at it, while others embrace it in such a way that it seems they may never let it go. What’s interesting is how Paul speaks to the church in Thessalonica about tradition. He encourages the community there to “hold fast” to the traditions given them. The word he uses for “traditions” literally translated is “to give over.” Apparently for Paul, they are neither to scoff at these things nor hold fast to them. Rather, like Paul “handed over” teachings to this community, they are to do the same.

This makes sense because we are always handing over something to those who follow us. The question is are we doing this with intention? Do we know what we are handing over? In the days of deconstruction in which we find ourselves, this is a pressing and important question for us to consider. As we do, we must remember the broad, deep stream we swim in when we speak about the Church. We must also recognize we do not leave things behind in the way we think we do; we carry them with us in new ways because after all, we are all a part of a great Tradition.

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

- 1) If you could see any band's reunion tour, what band would it?

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 it feel to consider the fact that you are a part of the Church's story and tradition?
2. What is worth keeping?
3. What needs a funeral?
4. What is being born?
5. What do you want to pass on to those who come after us?

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: Embodiment Prompts](#)