



**Date:** 11/26/23

**Title:** *Ready for Everything*

**Scripture:** *Luke 12.35-48*

### **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**

Jesus uses metaphor after metaphor in this short passage, many of which are shocking – cutting people into pieces? Beating them? What is he getting after? It starts okay, with him talking about being watchful, and the Master serving the servants. But then it takes a turn, and the Master seems outright violent. Though this language is *not* to be taken literally, it is still unnerving to say the least. So, what do we do with it?

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

1) Would you rather travel backward or forwards in time?

### **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 do you find yourself interacting with troubling passages in the Bible?
2. What are ways you've found yourself "stuck in the metaphor"?
3. What questions does this passage raise for you?
4. What might it say about God if God did nothing in the face of evil?
5. What arises within when you consider God serving 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: Reflective Prompt](#)