



Date: 1/14/2024

Title: The Pain of Reconciliation

Scripture: Luke 12:57-59

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

Reconciliation is so difficult. At some point you have to admit you are wrong and work toward forgiving the person who did you wrong. For as difficult as this is, Jesus sees this as an essential part of living. The downside of this is that it can fly in the face of what we might want or even demand. It challenges all of us, whether we are those who want to be right, or those who do not want to be wrong.

But Jesus is tapping into something deeper here. Because without reconciliation things always escalate and get worse and worse. Jesus points toward people who are willing to reconcile at any cost. How do we live as a people willing to reconcile always. We must begin by remembering this is what has the power to bring peace and healing

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

1) What were your New Year’s Resolutions, and how are you doing at keeping them?

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 comes to mind when you hear the word *reconciliation*?
2. In what ways do we not believe that God is about the reconciliation of all things?
3. What do you imagine God to be like when it comes to reconciliation?
4. What is one step you could take toward trusting God is better than you imagined?

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: Peace Prayer](#)