



Date: 2/11/24

Title: You've Got to Let it Go

Scripture: *Luke 13.22-30*

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 the metaphor of the narrow door as the way to life. While this may seem as though it makes things more difficult and demands more of us, it’s possible there is another way of seeing this. If one is to make it through a narrow door, it suggests we cannot carry much through it at all. We will need to lay things down and let other things go if we have any hope of making it through.

Perhaps this is the subtle invitation Jesus offers to those who wish to follow him. God does not need or want our talents, our accomplishments and all the things we have done “for him.” God only wants us. Maybe this is what the nonreligious have insight into in a way religious people don’t: they come as they are without anything. Perhaps that’s why they make it through the door.

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

1. Highs and lows for the week.

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 strikes you about the question asked of Jesus, "Will only a few be saved?"
2. Share about a time you've asked or considered a similar question.
3. Why do we often want to know who is "in" and who is "out"?
4. In what ways do you create "out-groups" in your life?
5. Discuss what Jesus may have meant by the "First being last and the last being first."

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: Your Grace is Enough](#)