



Date: 3/3/2024

Title: I Have No Idea What You are Talking About

Scripture: Mark 14.66-72

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

From His arrest to His ultimate suffering on the cross, the gospel writers outline the painful events Jesus endured. A sham trial, the denial of a friend, standing before a Roman governor, beaten by soldiers, and being paraded through the streets on the way to death. We will explore these events and consider why the gospel writers narrated them in such startling detail.

Teaching

Jesus tells his disciples they will all fall away, but Peter insists he is wrong! Jesus responds to him with a prediction. “You will deny me three times tonight.” Peter again insists Jesus is wrong. But, as it turns out, Peter is the one who is wrong. Forget about the fact that Peter just turned his back on his friend at the moment of his sentencing. Forget about the fact that Peter was a coward. Those things are true ... but Peter, as a disciple was supposed to long to be noticed as disciple of his rabbi. Instead, when noticed, he rejects it.

And what does Jesus do? He looks right at him when it happens (according to Luke). Then he is marched to his death. But he comes back from the dead and speaks again to Peter. “Do you love me, Peter?” Jesus asks three times. Peter, replies three times, “Of course!!” Why three times? Because that was the number of times Peter previously denied Jesus. But that’s not the end of the story, is it?

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

1. How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

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. In what ways do we deny what is true about ourselves?
2. Share about a time someone you loved was self-deceived. How did you feel?
3. Why do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus?
4. Imagine Jesus looking at you the way he did Peter. What does it feel like?
5. What stands in the way of our trusting grace?

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: Lent week 3](#)