

Who is God Making You Into?

I. Recap: Unintentional Formation

- A. Formation, becoming someone is a normal human thing.
- B. Too often we operate on autopilot, on default.
- C. And we are mis-shaped or de-formed.
- D. Will you let God shape you?

II. Big Question 1: If we let God shape us, what kind of person would God shape you and me into?

- A. The answer is a theme throughout the bible
- B. Genesis 1:26-28
- C. Exodus 20:1-17
- D. Matthew 5:13-16 (and all of Matthew 5-7)
- E. 1 Corinthians 13
- F. Galatians 5:13-23
- G. If we let God, He will make us into people of love and joy and life to the full

III. Big Question 2: Do I really want to be more like Jesus?

IV. Big Question 3: How do we become like Jesus?

- A. "With God, we can't. Without us, He won't." - St. Augustine
- B. We are unintentionally formed by the stories we believe, our habits, our relationships with family and friends, and the environment and culture we live in.
- C. Sin has gotten into every one of these.
- D. We are changed through teaching, practice, community, and the Holy Spirit.

V. Practice for the Week: Who is God making me?

- A. Answer this question in the first person.
- B. Examples:
 - 1. "I am thankful to God for each day."
 - 2. "I always tell the truth."
 - 3. "I know God loves me and I don't compare my relationship with Him to anyone else's."

LIFEgroup Questions:

1. *Optional Icebreaker Question: What's your favorite way to celebrate a win or special occasion?*
2. Have you ever had a moment in your discipleship where you felt "stuck," whether in habits, unhealthy emotional patterns, or in your relationship to God?
3. With the paradigm of Intentional Spiritual Formation in mind, how have you participated in your own formation over the years?
4. In your best first person language, how would you describe the person God is making you?