



VIDEO #7 – FORMED.

Life with Jesus is fueled by what He does in and through us!

OVERVIEW

It is Jesus who does the forming in our lives, and it is Jesus who does the work through our life. The potential of your life is as limitless as the God who lives in you. Through faith you can access the untapped potential of God in you. The purpose of this Life Series video is to encourage you to unleash Jesus in and through your life.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- IN ADDITION TO PAYING THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS, JESUS IS COMMITTED TO FORMING US TO BE LIKE HIM.
- IT IS GOD’S GRACE AND SPIRIT THAT TRANSFORM US TO BE LIKE HIM AND HE USES ACTIVITIES LIKE PRAYER, COMMUNITY, SCRIPTURE READING AND SERVING AS PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS.
- IN FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION, WE ARE NOT WORKING FOR GOD, BUT RATHER WITH HIM, ALLOWING HIM TO WORK THROUGH US.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After watching the video by yourself or as a group, please go through the following discussion/reflection questions to help these truths sink into your heart and mind. These questions are simply meant to guide you, so feel free to go off script and follow the discussion or your thoughts wherever it takes you to fully explore and embrace the Objectives!

Objective #1 – In addition to paying the penalty for our sins, Jesus is committed to forming us to be like Him.

Read Philippians 1:6.

And I am sure of this, that he [God] who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Apostle Paul, Philippians 1:6 ESV)

Note: In this verse the Apostle Paul is writing a letter to the Church at Philippi and expressing his confident hope about what God will do on their behalf.

Q: In this verse what is Paul confident that God will do for His people? What is the good work that God began in us?

Q: What does it mean that God will bring it to completion?

Q: How does this process of God forming us to be like Him happen?

Read Ephesians 2:10.

For we are his [God's] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10 ESV)

Q: What does it mean that we are God's workmanship?

Q: What does this verse say about the good works we are to accomplish in our life? Are they things we need to invent or create ourselves?

Objective #2 – It is God’s Grace and Spirit that transform us to be like Him, and He uses activities like prayer, community, Scripture reading and serving as part of the transformation process.

Q: How has reading and studying scripture impacted your life or those around you? **Read John 14:26 to see how God empowers this process.** Does that change how you approach and think about studying scripture?

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (Jesus, John 14:26 ESV)

Q: How has praying, talking and listening to God impacted your life or those around you? **Read Romans 8:26 to see how God empowers this process.** Does that change how you approach and think about praying?

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.
(Romans 8 :26 ESV)

Q: How has being in Christian community impacted your life and those around you? **Read 1st Corinthians 12:7 to see how God empowers this process.** Does that change how you approach and think about serving and encouraging others in Christian community?

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1st Corinthians 12:7 ESV)

Q: What are some other tools that God uses and empowers by His Spirit to help us become more like him? How can you incorporate some of these into your life?

Objective #3 – In fulfilling the Great Commission, we are not working for God, but rather with Him, allowing Him to work through us.

Read 1st Corinthians 15:8-12.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (Apostle Paul, 1st Corinthians 15:8-12 ESV)

Note: In this passage the Apostle Paul is writing a letter to the church in the city of Corinth. In this passage he discusses his thoughts and feelings on his own ministry efforts and what role God played in them. It should be noted that the Apostle Paul started his relationship with Christianity by persecuting the Christian Church including throwing them into prison and supporting their death. He would later become arguably the greatest Christian Missionary to ever live and is responsible for writing 2/3s of the books in the New Testament.

Q: Was the Apostle Paul qualified to be one of the greatest missionaries based on his life's decisions and actions before coming to faith in Jesus? What hope should that give to us about God's role in our destiny and what we accomplish in this life?

Q: What reason did Paul give for why He was given the calling and responsibilities by God that he was?

Q: Paul also compares the work that he did compared to the other Apostles. How does he say that his work stacked up to them? What does he say enabled him to take on his workload?

Q: What do we learn from Paul's thoughts here about the role that God plays in us accomplishing the things that he has called us to? What does this mean for us practically and how does it impact how we approach serving God?

Meditate on This:

I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.
(Apostle Paul, Galatians 2:20)

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity #1 – This last “activity”, like the first one, is more of a personal reflection. Take time to write out (in a journal or text app on phone) how the time spent in this Life Series has impacted you, your understanding of the Christian Faith, and your relationship with Jesus. Specific things to possibly include are:

- What were your top three biggest takeaways from going through the life series?
- What were the two biggest things that surprised you that maybe you hadn't learned or realized before?
- What was your favorite or most memorable activity? Why?
- What things are you planning on taking with you going forward in your Faith? What will this require?
- What from this series are you most excited to share with someone else?
- We started with the Idea of “fullness of life... loving God, loving others”. Explain in your own words what this type of lifestyle looks like practically based on what you learned in this series.

Activity #2 – Is there anyone else you think could benefit from going through this Life Series? If so, plan to take them through it and go for it!