

Jesus Creed #1 – Jesus’ way of Spiritual formation

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Connecting Group questions

1. Identify together how you think “spiritual formation” (becoming more like Christ) should happen. (Another angle would be to ask, “what do you think the Christian life should look like?”)
2. Reflect together on how the *Shema* of Judaism (Deuteronomy 6: 4-9) and the Jesus Creed are similar and how they differ. What is the significance of the differences? What is the value of memorizing and reciting the Jesus Creed? What do you learn about the Jesus Creed from the statement below from Rick Warren?
3. Reflect on the message: What impacted you most from Sunday’s message?
 - a. Now add the invitation of Jesus in Mark 1:17a: “Come, follow me.”
 - b. What is God saying to you about your life?
4. Imagine your life – with your family, with your co-workers, and with your church community – as a life dedicated to following God and loving others. What could today and tomorrow look like?
5. Commit your lives to the Jesus Creed – to loving God and to loving others.
6. Take some time to pray for you, your group’s, and this church’s “domino” effect. Take time to pray for each other’s spiritual development this week.

“The best use of life is love. The best expression of love is time. The best time to love is now.” – Rick Warren

Prayer for the week:

Abba, quicken my heart so that I may love you and others by following Jesus. Drive from my heart any unworthy loves. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.