



Jesus Creed #2 :: Morphing {Scot McKnight}

INTRODUCTION

“All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing.” (Edmund Burke)

The Jesus Creed challenges our natural tendency toward this indifference. To love people, to step out and do something, draws us closer to God, morphing us into the very likeness of Jesus and his message of compassion.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you normally identify someone who is following Jesus (church attendance, doing good works, loving others)?
2. The Bible often addresses God’s compassion toward orphans and widows. What is a contemporary example of an orphan and/or a widow?
3. Read James 1:27. What are some concrete ways that you can “look after orphans and widows in their distress”?
4. Read Matthew 25:31-40. Have you ever felt that by serving another person, you were serving Jesus himself?
5. Scot McKnight challenges us to “do something.” What can you do this week to live out *The Jesus Creed*?

MOVING FORWARD

When we live out *The Jesus Creed*, we become like Jesus, because we are doing what matters most to him. Interestingly enough, while we morph into the likeness of Christ, we’re also serving Jesus himself (as he expressed in Matthew 25). We become Jesus. They become Jesus. And as a result, the world sees the gospel in full effect.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

James 1:27