

Small Group Discussion Guide

Formed By... | *What is forming you - and who are you becoming?*

Part 1: The First Yes

BIG Idea: The first yes to Jesus is a transfer of allegiance that gives us a new identity and begins a lifetime of being formed into His image.

Application: Identify what has been forming you, renew your yes to Jesus, and take the next clear step of obedience He has placed before you.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What app, show, hobby, person, or daily habit receives the most attention from you right now?

1. What idea or statement from Sunday's message stayed with you most strongly?
2. Read Acts 2:37–42. What caused the people to be “cut to the heart,” and how did they respond when the truth confronted them?
3. Pastor Brian said, “You are being formed, whether you are paying attention or not.” What influences are currently shaping your desires, fears, priorities, and assumptions?
4. Read Romans 12:1–2. What is the difference between being conformed to the patterns around us and being transformed through the renewal of our minds?
5. What does repentance involve beyond simply feeling guilty or regretting consequences?
6. What is the difference between adding Jesus to an already established life and transferring our allegiance to Jesus as Lord?
7. Consider the three statements from the message: “Jesus is Lord,” “I belong to Christ,” and “I am becoming like the One to whom I belong.” Which is most meaningful or challenging to you right now?
8. Read Romans 6:1–4 and 11–14. What does baptism communicate about a Christian's relationship with sin, Jesus, and new life?
9. Acts 2:42 describes believers devoting themselves to biblical teaching, fellowship, shared meals, and prayer. Which essential practice of Christian formation needs renewed attention in your life?
10. What is the next clear “yes” Jesus is asking from you—faith, baptism, renewed allegiance, Christian community, or another specific act of obedience?

Prayer Prompt: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what has been forming each person in the group. Pray for renewed allegiance to Jesus, courage to follow Him in baptism and obedience, and grace to become increasingly like Christ through every faithful yes.