

Transforming Discipleship

Questions for Chapter 1

1. Ogden uses the word superficiality to describe discipleship in North American churches today. What word would you use?

2. What do you think of Ogden's seven categories by which he evaluates discipleship? Are there any you would add or remove? Why or why not?

3. Is Ogden right that every believer should be a minister of the gospel? If so, why does the model of the pastor as minister still persist?

4. "Grace is opposed to earning, but is not opposed to effort." What does this mean and, if you agree with the statement, why?

5. Should our faith in Jesus really involve our whole lives? What are the limits to this claim?

6. Ogden claims that the church is essential for individuals to be disciples of Jesus. What are the implications of this for Northview?

7. Mangis, in *Signature Sins*, says "Sin involves directing something good toward a use that violates God's purpose for it" (27). Can you illustrate this claim? How does this help us understand the workings of sin for our spiritual benefit?
