

Transforming Discipleship

Questions for Chapter 5

1. Ogden notes that Paul uses the language of spiritual formation (parenthood) rather than discipleship. What difference do you think that makes?

2. Why do you think Paul's goal is for the Christian life to reach maturity in Christ?

3. What parallels to you see between Paul's metaphor of child development with the metaphor of discipleship journey?

4. What is the importance of putting off the old life in the process of transformation? How do we go about doing this?

5. Ogden claims that Jesus incarnates his life in the life of his believers. What are the implications of this theology for discipleship?

6. What is the importance of identification in Ogden's understanding of Paul's model?

7. Why is it important that Paul pushes towards mutuality rather than hierarchy?
