

Use this Blogmap as a way to blog/journal through *Metamorphia: Jesus as a Way of Life*, not to give “answers” or “opinions” as much as to share your journey of belief formation with your blogging community. Don’t let this restrict your creativity though, use it as a launching pad into the questions and thoughts that rise up from your reading.

1. Our Need: A New Way of Seeing

- Doing well with God? A glimpse into my own self-help
 - Use this as a way of exploring how much of your concept of “doing well” with God has to do with feeling guilty, wanting to feel good, or just accomplishing something.
- The way I see things
 - Use this as a way to assess what your presuppositions are.
- Family traits
 - Try to pinpoint the traits, both good and bad, that come from the religious tradition you grew up with or are currently in.
- Tradition and Vision
 - Blog your initial response and thoughts to the example of the Christmas potluck dinner on p. 23, as well as the questions that follow.
- The God in My Mind
 - Blog about your experience and your response to the fourth question in the “Questions” section. What are your preconceived notions about other denominations, and how do you think we are doing at being unified in the body of Christ?

2. Our Hope: Embracing Metamorphia

- Stuck in the fog
 - Talk about the telescope example and write about what kind of view you have with your current setup (aim, focus, environment).
- Friend or foe?
 - Talk about the nature of friendships and what it is like to have blind spots pointed out by them.
- The scaffold I need to climb
 - Talk about what it might look like to climb towards what you wish was true (but is not yet) about your life.
- The horizon ahead
 - What is your vision of life, the world, and how you relate to it all?

3. Our Reality: A Tale of Two Visions

- Am I sick?
 - What are some ways you take your spiritual temperature?
- Horticulture or life? A tree and its fruit
 - Talk about your initial reaction to the idea that we often paint our fruit to make it look good.
- Where does all the time go?

- Blog about your pie charts. What consumes your time in ways that it shouldn't? What activities seem to be small activities in your mind (checking email, watching T.V., etc.) that turn out to take up a great deal of your time?

4. The Word: Believer Deconstruction

- Words and Images
 - Talk about your relationship with the Bible, and how you think of it (in words or in images) and what that might mean for your understanding of its message.
- The Gospel of _____ (your name here)
 - Lay out what you would have written on if you had your own Gospel (“good news”)– maybe include what that says about you.
- Long lost friend
 - Talk about the Bible as a friend. Blog through your feelings about what this relationship looks like, or what you wish it looked like.
- The way of honey
 - Read and pray through Psalm 119:103-105 and blog about the thoughts, feelings, and ideas this passage evokes.

5. Holy Spirit: The Breath of Life

- Why I struggle with prayer
 - We all struggle with some aspect of prayer. Discuss your own personal struggle with the Spirit who lives inside of you.
- Holy who?
 - Discuss about how you have neglected, pigeonholed, or maybe even over-emphasized the role of the Spirit in your life (and under-emphasized your own role).
- Self-help and other convenient fairy tales
 - Discuss how and why it is so easy to leave the work of the Spirit (as well as the informers in general) behind, and just aim for some kind of change. Maybe blog through how the idea of self-help can tap into your desire to control you own life, rather than release it to God.

6. Community: Mirrors and Conduits

- Blood relatives?
 - Discuss how people around the world, not to mention in your own city, are members of your family and how divided we can be.
- Ancient email?
 - Discuss your reactions and thoughts on the ancient letter that was written about Christians on pages 133-134.
- Chores, responsibilities and prodigal tendencies
 - Discuss being a child in a larger family of God, and how that means you have a role to play, you have a position, and you are a part of a family of people who have adopted you.
- Private spirituality?

- As a child of God, you are defined not only by your relationship to God, but by your relationship to God's other children. Blog about how private and/or public your spiritual life is/should be in light of this.

7. Selfview: Narcissus Reimagined

- Life language?
 - Discuss the message your life is communicating about the state of your heart. You may even use this entry for confession, encouragement, or as a platform to help others ask this question of themselves.
- Can you lie to yourself?
 - Discuss self-deception and the ways in which you have deceived yourself. You could even talk about how self-deception used to be the definition of hypocrisy, and discuss what that means and looks like in real life.
- Questions of life
 - Use one of the selfview questions to blog through, and make this a monthly practice.

8. Wisdom: The Road to Human Flourishing

- Planting a new garden
 - Discuss the reality that what you sow you will reap. What are you sowing, and what are you already reaping from your life?
- Meaningless, meaningless, it is all meaningless
 - Discuss how much of what we do is meaningless because it fails to have a deep-rooted meaning for us. Do you ever feel like your life is filled with "anxious toil" (see Ecclesiastes 2:11)?
- What does wisdom look like?
 - Discuss what it means to be "wise" and describe some of the mental pictures conjured by the concept of being wise. Then talk about what you think being wise looks like in your place and time.
- Where's my worm?
 - Spend some time reading Proverbs and compare them to everyday proverbial-sayings that we have, like "The early bird gets the worm."

9. The Way of Jesus: Life Through Death

- If I could save time in a bottle
 - Discuss what beliefs, activities, etc. you have given your life and time to. If the way you were spending your time was put in a bottle, what would you have saved up when you were done? How does that fit the story Jesus told?
- The anomaly of history
 - The cross is the great anomaly of history, and is, in a sense, what separates one person from another. Discuss the nature of the cross in our day and age.
- My God-box

- To some degree, we all have God shoved in some kind of box. Discuss the box you've put God in and what that does to God's work in your life.

10. Discipleship: At the Foot of the Master

- At the feet of the master
 - Reflect in a blog about the incredible reality that we are still called to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn about the way to live – maybe also talk about how often this is the very aspect of Christianity that we forget.
- How much farther to go?
 - Use this blog as a way to talk about being a disciple, and how that means you are either a good discipline or a bad one. Reflect and write about how this makes you feel, and then what this means for your life.
- Making disciples
 - Blog through the questions on page 214 in light of your Christian experience.

11. Mission: Community of Light

- What's mine is mine
 - Use this blog to meditate through Acts 2, and how the earliest church shared all things. Use this as a way to open up how much of you doesn't like the sound of this kind of community.
- The answer is the question
 - Write about what question your life is answering, and what question you wish it were answering.
- When I dream
 - Use this blog as a way to reflect on the book as a whole – can you imagine a redemptive community of love, who as a family helps one another on the journey of belief formation? What might that look like?