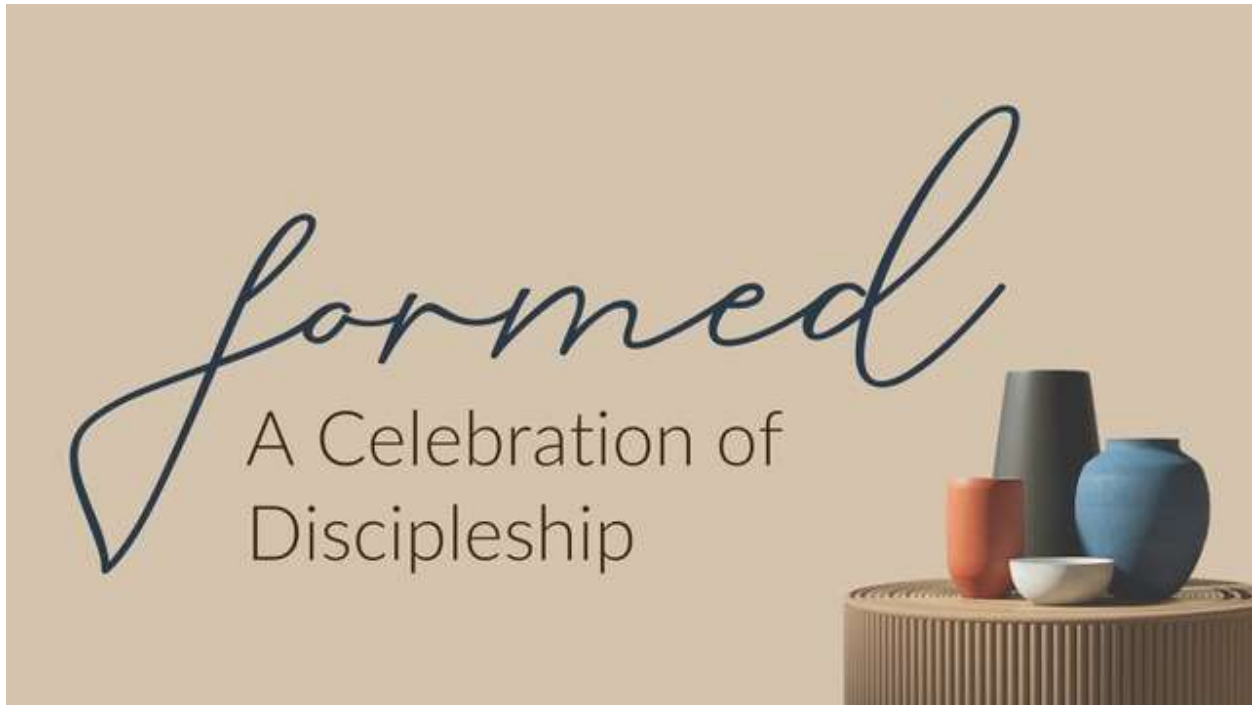


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"The Handiwork of God"  
*Ephesians 2:10*  
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### **Background**

August signals the beginning of the end of summer; fall is just around the corner! The changing of the seasons invites us to reflect on past experiences as well as future hopes -- including ways we've grown and would like to grow in Christlikeness. How has God been shaping you as a master works their medium? Join us this Sunday as we launch our sermon miniseries celebrating discipleship!

### **Sermon Text:**

#### ***Ephesians 2:10***

*<sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **1. Preparation**

- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

## **2. Sunday Questions:**

1. As we celebrate the Discipleship-theme of PBCC, how are we intentionally learning from Jesus, our great Master, regarding discipleship? Can you recall some words of wisdom or actions from a disciple of Jesus, Pastor Brian Morgan?

2. Pastor Eugene said, "A disciple is an apprentice, dedicated to learning from their master." In the case of Jesus' disciples, they spent time with Him, observing His life, teachings, and character. It is not just about acquiring knowledge; it is about imbibing the very essence of the Master's way of life.

Please reflect on your own discipleship journey. How are you growing in Christlikeness?

3. It is rightly pointed out that Jesus did not command His Apostles to make converts or churchgoers. His desire was to make disciples, people who would become like Him. Pastor Eugene appreciates Dallas Willard's book, *The Great Omission*. Willard reminds us that discipleship is not reserved for the spiritually elite; it is for all believers. We are not meant to be "deluxe" Christians-showy and polished. Instead, we are called to cultivate authentic and transformative discipleship. How can we become a true disciple of Christ and help new Christians to become the same?

4. "Discipleship" is not about "our working out our salvation with fear and trembling," but "it is God who works in us, on us, and bears the responsibility of forming our spirits by His Holy Spirit, until we become like Jesus in thoughts, attitudes and behaviors. It is a 'spiritual formation.'" In the analogy of potter/clay imagery to describe God's work among His people and in the world, what is the proper response of God's people to God's work, from Isaiah 64? Comment on the description of "God the Potter working our softened, grace-saturated hearts."

5. Ken Coleman gave us a clear testimony with an orderly sequence of events that showed God's handiwork in making a masterpiece out of his life. How does it illustrate the various ways of God's forming, shaping, molding and remaking of Ken's life?

Could you share some aspects of his testimony that resonate with you the most?