



Beyond Belief with Marcus Borg

1. Centered in the Spirit

"I don't think being Christian has very much to do with believing at all. And I think the emphasis upon believing is one of the modern distortions of what the Christian life is about."

-- Marcus Borg

Questions for Reflection or Discussion

Chapter 1

How do you compare Borg's childhood belief system with your own?

Describe the difference between a belief-based faith and a relational faith.

Chapter 2

What's your experience of traditional Christological language being used in triumphant, exclusive ways?

How does Borg understand the focal point of Jesus as a mystic teacher of wisdom?

Where do you see the Divine at work in your relationships?

Chapter 3

If Jesus is a “decisive disclosure of a life full of God,” what does that say about the importance of compassion?

According to Borg, how do we take Jesus seriously?

Where would you like to see your life being “more transformed into the likeness of Christ”?

Marianne Borg speaks of presence and wonderment, intellect and the academy, head and heart. Where are you in the journey towards wholeness?

Further Questions

Which ideas from this session did you resonate with? Which did you find challenging?

What are the implications of this material for you personally? For your community? For faith-based institutions as a whole?