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GROWING CLOSER TO GOD

On Purpose

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LEADER'S STUDY GUIDE



WATCH FOR LEADER'S TIPS

Getting to Know One Another

- What as a kid did you most say you wanted to be when you grew up? Are or were you, anywhere close?
- If you could go back to being that kid knowing what you know about life and yourself now, what would you say you would most like to be and why?
- If you knew you only had one year of life left to live and you wanted your last year to count for something, what would you do?

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD ON PURPOSE

By aged 70 you will have:

- lived **25,550 days**,
- you will have spent **23 years** sleeping,
- **17 years** working,
- **11** of those years playing and watching TV,
- **6 years** traveling,
- **6 years** eating,

- **2 years** dressing, and now here is the kicker,
- you will have spent **6 months** sitting at stop lights!

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?
Matthew 6:25

3 of God's Greatest Purposes for Every Human Being

1. That He wants everyone to **know him** or be in relationship with him. We call that **Fellowship!**
2. That all who know Him become **like Him!** This is what we would call **Discipleship.**
3. That we should **live for Him** or do what we would call **Service.**

God's Assignment for You

God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female created he them.
Genesis 1:27 (NASB)

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, Psalm 8:4-6

You formed the way I think and feel. You put me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 (ERV)

For You made the parts inside me. You put me together inside my mother. Psalm 139:13 (NLV)

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. Psalm 139:14 (TLB)

If God was involved this intimately in the design of your wiring and circuitry wouldn't it make sense that God also has a very unique and **specific assignment** for your individual life?

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing. Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)



Understanding Your Unique SHAPE

Understanding Your Unique SHAPE helps you understand what God has designed you for!

S-piritual Gifts.

H-eart: By heart we are talking about what you are passionate about. What gets your engines revved up, gets your interest piqued. The thing you will do for nothing.

A-bilities: Those things that you are clearly good at, or have a knack at doing.

P-ersonality: Your temperament or make up.

E-xperiences: The things in life that you have been through, learned through and grown through, whether they be good or bad.



Focus on Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:3-8

1. **Prophecy**: scriptures, thoughts, pictures, normally applied to very specific situations.
2. **Serving**: Doers, task oriented, loves to work, help others, typically doesn't want to be in front.
3. **Teaching**: Speaking, exhorting, communicating whether verbally or in writing.

4. **Encourage**: Love to cheer and build people up. See the good, hopeful
5. **Giving**: Joy in releasing funds and material goods.
6. **Leading**: Enjoys the front, rather than the back, see where to go, what to do.
7. **Mercy**: High feeler, deep feeler, intuitive, high empathy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Leaders, have your group pair up for these questions. There are a number of questions for this session so you will need to help them keep pace.

1. **Go through the list of spiritual gifts** and cross out the spiritual gifts/motivations that you know you do not have. Share them with your partner. [3-5 min]
2. **What gives you Passion?** Passion is strong, favorable, internal energy and excitement. Go back over the list and **put a P** next to the one gift that brings you the greatest sense of passion when you are doing it. [3-5 min]
3. **What are you strongly interested in?** Go back through these gifts and think of them from an interest angle. Which are you most interested in and draw to internally? What would you find yourself doing or drawn to if no one even asked? **Put an I** next to the one gift you have most interest in. [3-5 min]

4. **What brings you the greatest sense of satisfaction?**
Which of these gifts brings you the exhilaration when you are doing them? **Put an E** next to the one gift that brings you the most satisfaction. [3-5 min]

5. **What gets you the most affirmation?** What is it that people affirm you most for? Now there may not be many, but of the gifts listed what have people said, Gee, your good at ? **Put an A** next to one gift.

6. **Finally, what are you using** when you are feeling most alive? Hands, feet, heart, head, spirit? [3-5 min]

7. **What is it you are doing** when you feel the most engaged and alive in your daily life?

APPLICATION

STOP & PRAY | Taking Steps to My Spiritual Renewal



Have each person in the group actually speak out in an affirmative way: i.e. “I have the gift(s) of,” not “I think or I may have, or ?????”

1. Speak out your gifts. I have the gift(s) of ...



Have everyone pair up and pray together.

2. Stop and thank God for giving you those gifts by name.
3. Commit to using those gifts, first at home, second at church, and third at work.
4. Affirm your partner’s discovery and confession before the Lord in Prayer.

NOTES

CORE 301 - Discovering My Ministry

Sunday, Apr 23 | 12:45 - 5:00 pm

Lunch will be served | Childcare is available

Want to learn more about your SHAPE, join Pastor Kevin and Cynthia Cavanaugh for a one-session workshop that will help you to take a look at the whole of your life and understand God's design for you. This will include the **Skills** you have uniquely acquired in life; the **Heart**, or passion for what you love to do; the **Abilities** God has helped you develop; your **Personality** make up, and lastly the **Experience** you have gained throughout the journey of your life. These five areas make up your unique SHAPE. Discovering your SHAPE and operating out of it is the key to you experiencing ultimate joy and making the greatest impact in your life. (Cost for lunch and materials \$7)

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