**Understanding Your Spiritual SHAPE**

* Have you ever struggles with feeling valuable and important? How or why?

Psalm 139:13-16

* What do those verse tell you about yourself? You are shaped by God for a purpose - You are unique - You are wonderfully complex

**Before we can know our gifts, we must know this…**

1. **The number one thing in your life that you are to be about is – Know Jesus**

Matthew 22:36-39

That is our #1 goal in life – this is why we were born – is it why we breathe!

1. **Everyone has a gift given by God**

Ephesians 4:7, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 7:7

Knowing Jesus, we are to acknowledge where our talents come from. They all come from God above - all of our positive traits, abilities, & passions.

* Are our talents the same? No
* What are some examples? Sing, speak, cooking, Art, etc.
* What are you good at? Have some share
1. **Your gifts are not your purpose**

Our purpose in life is to bring God glory!!

* Is our purpose in life is not defined by your abilities? No - Your purpose in life never changes though our abilities may. This is important - gifts and abilities may change – our purpose will not.
1. **Your purpose is not your mission**

This is our mission - Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:8

Your dream or “calling” in life is not your mission in life. Remember your mission is to make him known. Our mission is to build the kingdom of God.

* Is a Christians mission the same for all of us? Yes
* What are some platforms for our mission? Designer, mechanic, pastor, missionary, mom, singer
1. **Your mission is not your destiny**

This is our destiny - Romans 8:29, Philippians 1:21, Ephesians 2:10, 4:22-24

God’s destiny for us is to become like Jesus – that is what he desires in us.

* Why do you think God’s destiny for us important to know?

Who you are becoming is more important than what you are doing!

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* Which of these are eternal?

Regardless of changes in life – our purpose is eternal! To glorify God!

**KNOWING YOUR S.H.A.P.E. - 5 things that us give insight into our mission**

**S** – Spiritual Gifts (spiritual gifts from God to you – spiritual abilities)

Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:7-13, 1 Corinthians 12:4-12

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**H –** Heart (your motivations, desires, and interests)

Matt. 12:34, Proverbs 4:23

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Exodus 31:3

**P –** Personality (Our differences as people, unique traits)

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**E –** Experiences (Good experiences and bad – things that shape our passions)

2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Romans 5:2-4

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