**S.H.A.P.E. Book - Student Guide - CHAPTER 1 AND 2**

**Group Discussion Guide**

Welcome to the S.H.A.P.E. Class and Weekly Group! Every week we will go through each chapter and discuss it further.

In your guide you will find the following sections:

**Looking At:** Considering the Bible passage together

**Looking In:** Discussing your personal observations

**Grabbing Hold:** Discussing end of Chapter questions

**Standing Out:** Discussing what stood out in that class specifically.

**Part I. Uncovering Your S.H.A.P.E**

**CHAPTER 1**

1. **Masterpiece - Only You Can Be You**

**Looking At:** Ephesians 2:10 and Psalm 139:14-16

**Looking In:** Read through the chapter and answer the questions below

* How do you define uniqueness?
* How do people usually define their purpose?
* Read Hebrews 11:1; What does the verse mean to you?
* What impacted you about the story of John Baker (pg, 9/10)
* What does the acronym SHAPE stand for?
* Read Jeremiah 18:1-6, Isaiah 64:8 - How do these verses relate to our discussion of SHAPE?
* What are all the C words you were NOT created for?
* How can you contribute?

**Grabbing Hold:**

* Take the assessment on pg 15
* Fill in the letter on pg 17

**Standing Out:** What stood out to you the most in this chapter?

**CHAPTER 2**

1. **Spiritual Gifts - Unwrapping Your God-Given Treasures**

**Looking At:** Read 1 Corinthians 12:1

**Looking In:**

* You have been gifted for **GREATNESS**
  + What is the best gift you have ever received?
  + What is the best gift you have given someone else?
  + When God planned the masterpiece he would make of your life, what did he enable you to do?
  + According to Leslie B Flynn, for every gift God bestows, what is planned?
  + What did Jeff and Joy come to understand about their gifts? (pg 21)
* Understanding Spiritual Gifts
  + Read 1 Corinthians 12: 1
    - According to the book, what does the word ignorant here mean?
  + What are spiritual gifts not?
  + What is the difference between fruit of the spirit and spiritual gifts?
  + How does the book define spiritual gifts?
  + What are spiritual gifts designed to do?
  + Why does God give us spiritual gifts?
  + Does everyone get a gift?
  + What is living in you when you are a believer?
  + What happens when we use what God has graced us with?
* Unwrapping your spiritual gifts by reading the instructions on pg 26.

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| **Gift** | **Yes** | **No** | **Maybe** |
| Administration |  |  |  |
| Apostleship |  |  |  |
| Discernment |  |  |  |
| Encouragement |  |  |  |
| Evangelism |  |  |  |
| Faith |  |  |  |
| Giving |  |  |  |
| Healing |  |  |  |
| Helping |  |  |  |
| Hospitality |  |  |  |
| Interpretation |  |  |  |
| Knowledge |  |  |  |
| Leadership |  |  |  |
| Mercy |  |  |  |
| Miracles |  |  |  |
| Pastoring |  |  |  |
| Prophecy |  |  |  |
| Teaching |  |  |  |
| Tongues |  |  |  |
| Wisdom |  |  |  |

* Identify at least 3 spiritual gifts that stood out to you and the reason why the definition of that gift stood out?
* Sharing Your Spiritual Gifts

No one is perfect and we are here to learn more about ourselves. After reading through each trap, pray and ask God to help you identify a time in your life when you were caught in each of these traps.

* + Trap: #1
  + Trap: #2
  + Trap: #3
  + Trap: #4
* Strengthening Your Spiritual Gifts
  + How can you strengthen your spiritual gifts?

**Grabbing Hold:**

* What did this chapter show you about spiritual gifts?
* What two sources of wisdom can you seek help from to discover your spiritual gifts?
* What are your two action steps? (pg 40)

**Standing Out:** What from this chapter really stood out to you?