

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

2. 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.

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?