

discovering your

SHAPE

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GOD'S UNIQUE MASTERPIECE

For we are God's masterpiece.
He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so that we can do the good things
he planned for us long ago.

– *Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)*

And yet, LORD, you are our Father.
We are the clay, and you are the potter.
We are all formed by your hand

– *Isaiah 64:8 (NLT)*

(see also *Jeremiah 18:1-6*)

And I am sure of this, that he who
began a good work in you
will bring it to completion
at the day of Jesus Christ.

– *Philippians 1:6 (ESV)*

DISCOVER WHO GOD SHAPED YOU TO BE

Your unique S.H.A.P.E. includes...

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

A set of God-given and Spirit-empowered spiritual abilities given to every believer, according to God's grace, to help them fulfill their God-given personal purpose as part of the body. Only truly regenerated Christians (every one) possess these.

HEART

Personal passions/interests/concerns that God has given you so that you can bring Jesus glory on this earth.

ABILITIES

A set of God-given natural talents that God wove into your DNA when he created you for you to use to honor Jesus and serve others. He also gave you these for your own joy and pleasure.

PERSONALITY

The special way that God wired you to navigate life and interact with others as you seek to fulfill your unique God-given purpose.

EXPERIENCES

Parts of your past—both positive and painful—which God intends to use in great ways in the future.

THREE GOALS IN 2015 FOR EVERY PERSON AT WAWASEE BIBLE

1. Discover your **SHAPE**.
2. Be **YOURSELF**.
3. Start **USING** your *SHAPE* to serve and love others for

HOMEWORK



Open Your Group in Prayer. *Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.*

1. Have you ever created/designed something for a specific purpose? It could be anything... a tool, a chart, a logo, a meal, a building, etc. As that thing's designer, what brings or would bring you the most joy about it?

Read Ephesians 2:10 in multiple bible translations. *(It is printed in the New Living Translation on page 1 of this insert)*

2. How does it make you feel knowing that God sees you as a masterpiece? Then share any specific events from your past that have either helped you feel this way or hindered you from seeing yourself as God's masterpiece.
3. What would be two "good works" that you think God wants to achieve through you?
4. God has given each of us a unique "SHAPE" for life and desires for us to use it to make a difference for him on earth. Describe with the group how this statement should affect the body of Christ.
5. When you think of each aspect of your "SHAPE", how well is each area being expressed/used to honor Jesus and serve others? To what degree would you agree with each statement below?

My unique God-given personal purpose & mission in life is clear to me.

S – I know my spiritual gifts and they are being expressed.

H – My passions are being utilized for Jesus' glory.

A – My natural abilities are being used to serve others.

P – My personality is helping me serve others.

E – My purpose capitalizes on many of my experiences.

6. After answering those questions, do you feel like you have a good understanding of your SHAPE? Are you using your SHAPE for Jesus' glory? Are you using your SHAPE to serve others?
7. Is it more important to understand your SHAPE/identity in Christ first or to find ways to serve and be active first? (form v. function, identity v. activity) Why?
8. What is one thing you desire for God to do *in you* during this series?
9. What is one thing you desire for God to do *through you* by the end of this series?

