

discovering your

SHAPE

PART
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NOW WHAT?

Judges 3:31; 5:6

REVIEW: DISCOVERING YOUR "SHAPE"

Spiritual Gifts
Hearth (passions)
Abilities
Personality
Experiences

THE EXAMPLE OF SHAMGAR

Judges 3:31 (ESV)

After him was Shamgar the son of Anath,
who killed 600 of the Philistines with an oxgoad,
and he also saved Israel.

Judges 5:6 (ESV)

"In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, in the days of Jael,
the highways were abandoned, and travelers kept to the byways.

1. Shamgar started WHERE HE WAS.

*And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth,
having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,
– Acts 17:26 (ESV)*

2. Shamgar used **WHAT HE HAD**.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace... – 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)*

3. Shamgar did **WHAT HE COULD**.

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.
You are serving the Lord Christ. – Colossians 3:23–24 (ESV)*

THREE QUESTIONS LEFT FOR YOU...

Question 1: What do **you HAVE** ?

Question 2: What can/will **you DO** ?

Question 3: When/where will **you START** ?

HOMework



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

Go to wawaseebible.com/shape and take some time to work through the SHAPE Resources if you haven't already.

1. Had you ever heard of Shamgar before?
2. Pastor Josh gave a couple examples of other "Shamgars" in and outside of the Bible. Can you think of any others who followed Shamgar's example? How did God use them?
3. Look back at the "three questions left for you" on the previous page. Pastor Josh said that the primary answer to Question 1 is: *Your SHAPE*. Discuss your SHAPE with your 1:10 Group. How is your unique SHAPE a tool you have to serve God and others? What other "ox goads" do you have that you could use?
4. Using your SHAPE, look at Question 2... What could and will do you with it? How could you use it?
5. D.L. Moody was once told by one of his critics that he should know his limitations and avoid speaking in public because he made too many mistakes in his grammar. Moody replied to the man, "*I know I make mistakes and I lack many things, but I'm doing the best I can with what I've got.*" After pausing and looking intently at the man, he continued, "*Look here, friend, you've got grammar enough — what are you doing with it for the Master?*" Moody's question is a good one for each of us to answer, *what are you doing with what you have for the Master?* If nothing, what's your excuse? (***This can be a tough and pointed question, you'll be tempted to skip over it in your 1:10 Group — don't!!!***)
6. What is keeping you from using your SHAPE to serve? Do you need to change your priorities? Your schedule? Your job?
7. Of the three principles drawn out of Shamgar's example, which one do you find yourself getting stuck on the most? How can your 1:10 Group help you get past that?
8. **Read Isaiah 64:8 and Ephesians 2:8-10.** What do those verses say about how and why God created us and showed us grace?
9. Now read **Matthew 24:14-30.** What does Jesus expect us to do with what has been given us (including our SHAPE)? How have you been stewarding your SHAPE? Have you been more like the first two servants, or the third?
10. Finally, look back at Question 3 on the left. When/where/how will you start to use your SHAPE for God's glory, others' good, and your joy? **Start where you are!** As in **Matthew 24:19**, the Master is coming back to settle accounts with those whom he's entrusted his property... don't delay!

