

## JESUS OVER EVERYTHING *Week 3*

*Part of surrendering everything to Jesus means surrendering our independence. In other words, we must come to a point where we recognize we need other people and they need us. We each have intrinsic value and worth that others need. It means understanding and leveraging our unique SHAPE (S-Spiritual Gifts, H-Heart, A-Abilities, P-Personality, E-Experiences) for the good of others.*

1. Surrender to Jesus requires us to each recognize: 1) I need God; 2) I need others; 3) Other people need me. Which one of these is the easiest for you? Which one is the hardest? Explain.
2. Read the following verses. What do they say about how God made us each unique and our intrinsic value? What keeps you from believing this?

**Psalm 139:13-16** You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb... You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion... You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

**Job 10:8** You formed me with your hands...

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

3. Two of the key elements of our SHAPE are our Spiritual Gifts (S) and Abilities (A). What would you say are your spiritual gifts and abilities? How have these been confirmed? (Note: don't be afraid to brag!)
4. The "H" of SHAPE is our Heart. In other words, our passions: the things we love to do and the problems we love to solve. For some it might be racial reconciliation, others it could be helping broken marriages, still others it could be engaging your faith in the trades, and the list goes on and on. What is your driving passion? How are you engaging in this?
5. What practical step can you take this week in using your unique SHAPE in helping others and serving God?

