

**Following God's Plan to Change the World**  
***You Are Essential: No One Can Fulfill Your Calling***

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Part 3

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**1. God has a \_\_\_\_\_ calling on your life**

*Ephesians 4:1 "Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God." (NLT=New Living Translation)*

*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." (NLT)*

- We are called into \_\_\_\_\_
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**2. Your calling is \_\_\_\_\_ for missional success**

*I Corinthians 12:18-21 "But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. <sup>19</sup> How strange a body would be if it had only one part! <sup>20</sup> Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." (NLT)*

*I Corinthians 12:27 "Now here is what I am trying to say: All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it." (TLB=The Living Bible)*

- Stop believing the \_\_\_\_\_ you are not essential  
*I Corinthians 1:27-28 "Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. <sup>28</sup> God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important." (NLT)*
- Missional success hinges on everyone \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ephesians 4:16 "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." (NLT)*

**3. Your calling will follow your missional \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 139:13-14 "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it." (NLT)*

- Self-knowledge is essential for missional \_\_\_\_\_
- SHAPE is a tool to understand your missional \_\_\_\_\_

## **Spiritual gifts**

*Romans 12:6-8 “In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.” (NLT)*

## **Heart**

## **Abilities**

## **Personality**

## **Experiences**

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### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do you feel about knowing God has a calling on your life? Discuss the two aspects of this calling being relationship and responsibility.
2. Is it difficult for you to believe your contribution is essential for missional success? Why / Why not?
3. If every person contributed to the mission doing his or her part, how much more effective would the church be fulfilling mission?
4. Why is self-knowledge important to discover where you best serve?
5. Discuss each aspect of SHAPE. Share how understanding your SHAPE has helped you know where to serve. For those yet to explore SHAPE, are you ready to discover how God designed you to be a part of what He is doing?
6. What is your next step?