



## SMALL GROUP STUDY

Please take the time to look over the notes and passages before coming to your small group this week. There are some tools online: [www.nbchurchcf.org](http://www.nbchurchcf.org) - click on the SHAPE block. On this page, you can view messages for SHAPE and download / click through to tools that will help you grow spiritually!

1. What more have you learned about yourself in this SHAPE series? What has been the result of your spiritual gift examination? How has God gifted you? If you've taken time to examine your heart, what have you discovered?

2. What do you learn from the following verses - the importance of your heart, guarding your heart, focusing your heart on the right things?

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

**Proverbs 4:23**

**Proverbs 27:19**

**Jeremiah 29:13**

**Matthew 5:8**

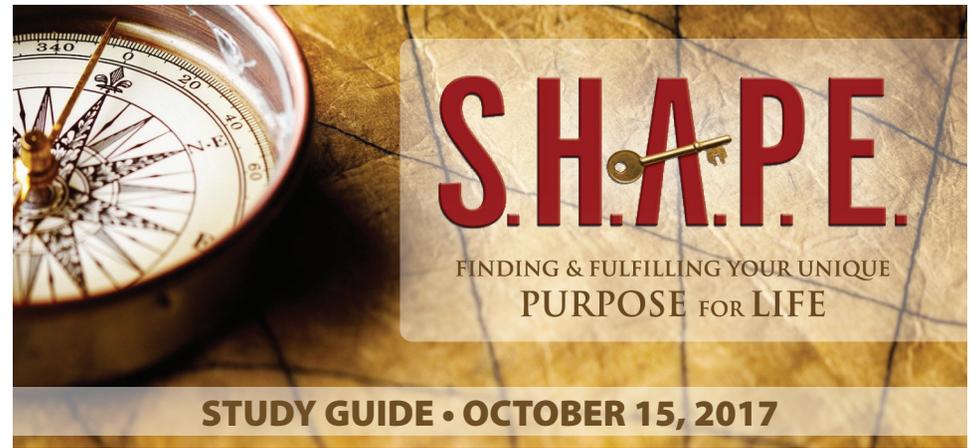
**Matthew 6:21**

2. **Read Psalm 37:4-5**

:: As you look at these verses and the "living your heart's desire" in your notes - what does it look like to discover and live your heart?

:: What benefits do you experience when you know your God-given heart's desires and live them out?

3. Remember that SHAPE is a combination of all five areas. What connections do you see between your Spiritual Gifts and your Heart so far, personally? How can this group help to discover these and help you walk them out?



### ACCESS TODAY'S MESSAGE

Our website is designed to be a helpful tool for all things Northampton. At [www.NBchurchCF.org](http://www.NBchurchCF.org) you'll find: our church calendar, key events, email and text alert sign-ups as well as access to this week's message and past messages - all from your computer, tablet or smartphone!

### INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

#### Next Step Spiritual Growth Opportunities

A great next step from the Worship Service on Sunday mornings is to connect with Spiritual Growth Opportunities: classes at 9:30am on Sundays as well as small groups and other Bible Studies at various times during the week.

#### Children's & Youth Ministry

We have a safe place for your children and teens! There are several environments throughout the week for preschoolers, children, middle & high school students to take part in, connect with friends and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)

### FOR FURTHER STUDY

Whether you're in a small group now or not, use this study guide to help you as you listen to the message and during the week as you dig deeper into God's Word through the "Small Group Study" section. All of this is designed to help you along the path of discipleship to **Believe > Belong > Become** like Jesus!



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# MESSAGE NOTES

LIVING YOUR HEART'S DESIRE

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## I. UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEART

### My Heart Determines...

1. Why I \_\_\_\_\_ the things I do.

**Matthew 12:34** - ...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

2. Why I \_\_\_\_\_ the way I do.

**Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

3. Why I \_\_\_\_\_ the way I do.

**Proverbs 4:23** - *Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.*

## II. THE RESULTS OF LIVING YOUR HEART'S DESIRE

1. E \_\_\_\_\_

**Ecclesiastes 2:10** - ...for my heart found pleasure in all my toil...

2. E \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Samuel 7 | Nehemiah**

3. E \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 3:23** - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

## III. HOW TO START LIVING YOUR HEART'S DESIRE

1. Surrender \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 37:4-5** - Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

2. Examine \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 6:4** - But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

3. Explore \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 23:23** - Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

4. Step Out \_\_\_\_\_

**Joshua 1:9** - ...Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

**Philippians 2:13** - for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### The Secret of a Fulfilled Life:

Discover what you love to do, that God made you to do, and do it for his glory!

### SHAPED to make a Difference

**Job 10:8** - *Your hands fashioned and made me...*

Spiritual gifts  
Heart  
Abilities  
Personality  
Experiences