



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 - 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. Over the last three weeks, we had a similar process of discovery for your spiritual giftedness, your heart and your abilities. Hopefully it's been a prayerful, God-led self discovery of your spiritual shape. Take time to share with the group what God has been revealing to you in each of these three areas.

2. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

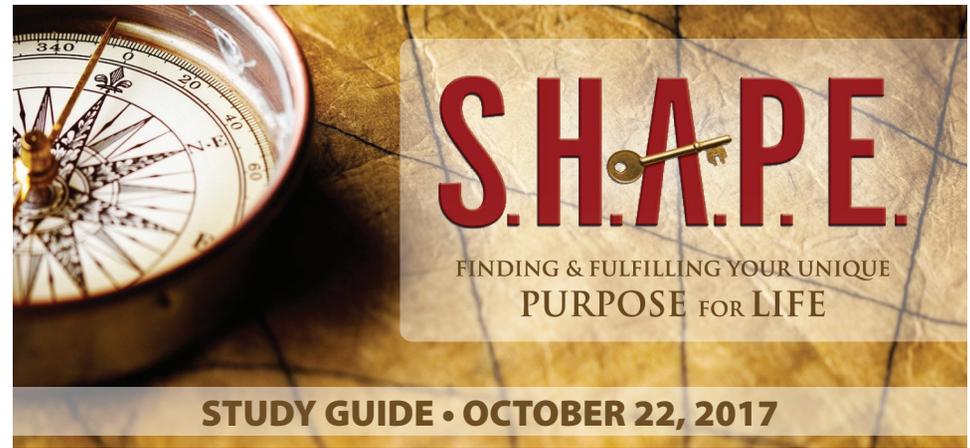
What do these verses say about salvation in Jesus and new life found in Him? How are you a new creation? What are we saved from? What are we saved to? How do our abilities factor into this?

3. Read **1 Peter 4:10**

As with our entire SHAPE, what are we suppose to do with our abilities? What does it look like in all areas of our lives?

4. Looking at your SHAPE, why did God bring you to Northampton? Why didn't He put you in some other church? How has God used you so far? How could you be used of God in the future?

5. SHAPE is about all parts of our lives. Talk through the implications of your SHAPE in your: Career, Marriage, Family, Ministry.



ACCESS TODAY'S MESSAGE

Our website is designed to be a helpful tool for all things Northampton. At 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

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

DISCOVERING YOUR ABILITIES

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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - **Ephesians 2:10**

I. FACTS ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES

1. Every ability is _____

1 Corinthians 12:6 - ...there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

2. Every ability can be _____

1 Corinthians 10:31 - So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

3. My abilities show _____

Hebrews 13:21 - (God will) equip you with everything good that you may do his will...

II. HOW TO LEVERAGE YOUR ABILITIES

1. _____ them!

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

2. _____ them!

Romans 12:1 - ...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Timothy 2:21 - Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

3. _____ them!

Ecclesiastes 10:10 - If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.

4. _____ them!

1 Peter 4:10 - As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Implications for my -

Career

Marriage

Family

Ministry

SHAPED to make a Difference

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

**Spiritual gifts
Heart
Abilities
Personality
Experiences**