

SHAPE - Discover Who God Made You To Be Pastor Cathy Burkholder October 4/5, 2014

The Bible says, "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" (Ephesians 2:10 NLT). The New Testament was written originally in Greek. The Greek word for "masterpiece" is "poiema." It's the word we get "poem" from. God says, "You're my poem. You're my masterpiece. I don't want you copying somebody else. I've put gifts in you — heart, abilities, personality, and experiences — and I want you to use them." You have worth because of what God says about you and has done for you.

SHAPE STUDY QUESTIONS

Open in prayer

- 1) What is your reaction to being told you are God's Masterpiece? Do you feel like a Masterpiece? What are some reasons that we struggle to understand this concept?
- 2) What does it mean to you personally to know that you are God's masterpiece, uniquely shaped to display his glory?
- 3) From the key verse, how does it make you feel to know you have a specific assignment from God to accomplish on earth, and that it is for his glory?
- 4) How would you define your life today? Would you be known as a Consumer (focused on getting), a Contributor (focused on giving), or a Cruiser (focused on getting by) ?
- 5) In light of Ephesians 2:10, what aspects of your everyday activities could be viewed as the "works" God has prepared for you to do? What would change if this were true?
- 6) In what way do you think you will ultimately benefit from your personal understanding of your SHAPE?

SHAPE – share with your group

After hearing the sermon and understanding the SHAPE concept, where do you see yourself today as it relates to SHAPE? Is there one element (Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences) of SHAPE that you are looking to explore in a deeper fashion?

- What came out in your SHAPE that surprised you?
- What came out in your SHAPE that clarified qualities about you?
- In your daily life (work, live and play), which areas of your SHAPE do you use most often?

Which areas would you like to grow or use more?

PRAYER DIRECTION

Thank God for bringing you to this place where you are discovering who you are, who God has made you to be , and who you need to be in order to fulfill His specific design for you . Ask him to open your eyes as you seek His purpose, to reveal the specific contribution he created you for.

PUT IT INTO PRATICE

As you begin your SHAPE discovery journey, take time to identify one thing you want God to do in you and through you over the next six weeks. What is that one thing you believe God wants you to fulfill for Him? Write it here:

Now commit this vision to God and expect to see results as you journey through SHAPE the next six weeks.