



DISCOVER WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE 🌈

SHAPE - Discover Who God Made You To Be
"Outward Bound"
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OPENING REMARKS:

This is the final small group study in our SHAPE series. As a reminder, the goal of our sermon and small group experience, is to discover who God made you to be. You are God's Masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)!

WARM IT UP:

Who is the most generous person you know? Do they give of their time? Abilities? Money? Would you consider that person happy/joyful?

TALK IT OVER:

1. Read Corinthians 12:27. Looking back over the entire series, do you have a better idea of which part of the Body of Christ best fits your SHAPE? Share what you've learned about yourself and ask your group for feedback.
2. Mark said our natural inclination is to think and act individually. Do you agree? What are the benefits of understanding that you are part of The Body?
3. You will make the most of your life when you imitate Jesus and aim outward. How do these passages show Jesus' outward aim? (Mark 1:38-39; Luke 10:1; Matthew 28:18-20).
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-4.
5. We live a life of love when we share the Gospel. What does 1 Peter 3:15 tell us about how to share? Can you think of a recent experience where you have done this well? Struggled?

6. We live a life of love when we serve our neighbors. What does Matthew 5:46-47 tell us about who our 'neighbors' are? How does that truth make love more than a feeling or sentiment? Is it possible?
7. We live a life of love when we shape our community. What would it look like for you to live out God's instruction in Jeremiah 29:7...at work? In your community activities?

WORK IT OUT:

8. Go back and look at your faith story. Re-aquaint yourself with it and pray that God will give you an opportunity this Christmas Season to share the Gospel.
9. Take a walk through your neighborhood. Make note of people who are not like you, in some way. How could you serve someone in a simple way? Go for it!
10. Look at your social and business schedule for the coming week. What 'communities' will you be part of? How can you give yourself to the community in a way that brings blessing?

PRAY IT THROUGH:

Spend some time praying for those you will encounter and influence this Christmas Season. Ask God to use you in their lives!