

Conversation Starters

- Have you ever taken a personality test?
- What were your results?

Discuss

Knowing your spiritual DNA is important to living on purpose. It helps you to see how you are wired and how to live to your best potential. Do you know your S.H.A.P.E.? Continue below to explore.

"Your hands shaped me and made me." (Job 10:8, NIV)

"The people I have shaped for myself will broadcast my praises." (Isaiah 43:21, NJB)

Spiritual Gifts: A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability to develop a particular capability.

"Christ has given each of us special abilities - whatever he wants us to have out of his rich storehouse of gifts." (Ephesians 4:7, LB)

- Do you know your spiritual gifts?

Heart: This is all about your passions and what stirs you most deeply into action.

"... watch over your heart; that's where life starts." (Proverbs 4:23, Msg)

"As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the person." (1 Peter 2:9, GWT)

- What are you passionate about?

Abilities: This speaks to your natural talents.

"God has given each of us the ability to do something well." (Romans 12:6, LB)

- What are your talents?

Personality: Your unique internal makeup and disposition, how you are wired up.

"For you [God] created my inmost being." (Psalm 139:13, NIV)

"God works through different people in different ways, but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all." (1 Corinthians 12:6, Phillips)

- Do you know your personality type?

Experiences: What you have stored up in terms of knowledge, background, education, wisdom.

"Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him." (Deuteronomy 11:2, TEV)

"Were all your experiences wasted? I hope not!" (Galatians 3:4, NCV)

"We know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans." (Romans 8:28, LB)

- What life experiences have you had to date?

Once we have down who we are, it is then important for us to do something with it. God did not make us to waste what we have been given. And It is not so much that you are what you do, as much as it is that you should do what you are. Here is how the Bible puts it:

"Since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be." (Romans 12:5, Msg)

Next Steps

Spend some time this week reflecting on your S.H.A.P.E. and consider:

- Are you investing where you should?
- Are you living out your God-given purpose?
- What could you be if you lived this way?

Consider these opportunities:

Spiritual Gifts Test

Link: www.mecklenburg.org/serve

Baptism

When: May 18-19

Location: Every Meck Campus

Registration: www.mecklenburg.org/baptism

Missions 2.0

When: Each week at Meck

Location: Charlotte and Around the World

Registration: www.mecklenburg.org/missions

Further Reflection

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1,4-7 NLT

Pray

God, thank you for taking the time to shape each and every one of us; for all of the gifts and abilities and personality and passions. And thank you for loving each one of us. Help us to know ourselves and use that to follow you more closely. Help us to use all that we have been given as you intended.