

# Where Do I Fit?

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT

### Misconceptions

1. I can't know God's Will for my life.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

God's Will for my life:

- Matthew 22:37-39
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 1:8
- 2. My <u>career</u> and <u>calling</u> are the same.

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. **Colossians 3:16-17 (NIV)** 

3. My talents and gifting are synonymous.

### Discovering my S.H.A.P.E.

### **Spiritual Gifts**

- Romans 12:6-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 21-27
- Ephesians 4:11-12

### Heart

Psalm 20:4

### **Abilities**

Exodus 31:6b

# Personality

# **Experiences**

Romans 8:28

**Going deeper on your own:** Pastor Rusty has challenged us to evaluate our spiritual gifts this week the following ways:

### Study

- 19 Gifts of the Spirit, by Leslie B. Flynn
- Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow, by C. Peter Wagner
- Half-Time, by Bob Buford
- Power of Uniqueness, by Arthur F. Miller Jr. with William Hendricks

Trial and Error (experiment with different areas of service)

**Analyze** (take time to pray, journal, reflect)

Request input from others (ask other what gifts they see in you)

Take training (attend Growth Track)

"Whoever serves Me must follow Me; and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me." **John 12:26 (NIV)**