

Week: 4

God has SHAPEN us for ministry.

Have you ever served in a role that was a bad fit? What happened?

What have you learned about how God has built you for ministry?

How intentional is God in our individual design?

Psalm 139:13–16

[13] For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
[14] I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
[15] My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
[16] Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them. (ESV)

1 Corinthians 12:4–6,11

[4] Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; [5] and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; [6] and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.
[11] All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. (ESV)

S – Spiritual Gifts

A Few Truths About Spiritual Gifts

1. Spiritual Gifts are for believers. *1 Corinthians 12:7, Ephesians 4:7, 1 Corinthians 2:14*
2. You can't earn or work for a spiritual gift, the Holy Spirit decides what gifts you get. *Ephesians 4:7, 1 Corinthians 12:11*
3. I am to develop the gifts God gives me. *2 Timothy 1:6–7*
4. It's a sin to waste the gifts God gave me. *1 Cor 4:1-2 and Mt 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)*
5. Using my gifts honors God and fills me with joy. *John 15:8-11*

H – Heart

1. My Passion for a Role: I love to...
2. My Passion for People: I love to be or work with...
3. My Passion for a Cause: I get excited about...

What are you passionate about?

How has your passion shaped your ministry in the past?

A – Abilities

What are some places at Neighborhood church where some of these abilities could be helpful in specific ministry opportunities?

P – Personality

E – Experiences

1. Spiritual Experiences

What are some spiritual experiences that someone may experience that could influence how they might help build up others in the body of Christ?

2. Life Experiences (Stages we've walked through, pain we've endured)

Has God ever used something painful in your past or present in ways that have been spiritually helpful to others?

3. Educational Experiences

4. Work/Ministry Experiences

N – Needs

What current ministry opportunities have you heard or read need filling here at Neighborhood Church?

What are some ministry roles that we may not be aware of that might need people to step into?