



**“SHAPE for Serving”**  
Small Group Discussion Guide  
July 20, 2025

**Key Scriptures:** Philippians 2:13, Exodus 31:2-5, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**Key Points:**

God has a purpose He wants to accomplish.

God has a plan to achieve that purpose.

God calls a person to participate in that plan.

God’s purpose is God’s why.

God’s plan is God’s how.

God’s person is God’s who.

**Group Opener:**

If you could instantly master one ability or skill, what would it be and why?

**Discuss:**

1. Who is someone in your life who helped you discover a sense of purpose or direction?
2. Read Exodus 31:2–5. God gifted Bezalel for a specific role in His plan. How do you see the mix of your abilities and passions fitting into God’s plan?
3. Read this quote from Victor Frankl aloud: *“Those who have a ‘why’ to live, can bear with almost any ‘how.’”* Why do you think knowing your “why” makes such a difference in how you handle life’s difficulties?
4. Turn to the next page to review the SHAPE Framework. Allow 1-2 minutes for personal reflection, then invite people to share what stands out to them.

**NOTE TO LEADERS:** *Next week, at the conclusion of the series, you’ll be invited to participate in an online SHAPE Assessment.*

5. Which part of today’s discussion stood out to you most, and why?

**Pray:**

Take time to pray for one another—that each person would trust God’s purpose, embrace His plan, and courageously step forward as His person.

### **S.H.A.P.E. Reflection Time**

Walk through each element. Allow 1–2 minutes for personal reflection, then invite open sharing:

**S** – Spiritual Gifts: What do you believe your spiritual gifts are?

**H** – Heart: What causes or people-groups are you most passionate about?

**A** – Abilities: What are you naturally good at?

**P** – Personality: What words best describe your temperament or approach to life?

**E** – Experiences: What key moments in your life (good or hard) have shaped you deeply?