

**Week 10**

**June 6, 2021**

**Topic: Ministry**

**Sermon Text:**

**Sermon Notes:**

## My Personal Discipleship Pathway:

What is the most important thing that I learned this week from the personal, spiritual disciplines that I chose to work through?

How will this truth impact my life? What will I do as a result?

What do I need to pray for as a result of my personal studies?

Who do I need to talk to about this for accountability?

## Questions for Reflection:

In his sermon this week, Pastor Wade explained the concept of being “God’s workmanship” by likening it to a beautifully hand crafted bookcase.

Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What does it mean when it says that we are God’s workmanship?

In his book *S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life*, Erik Rees uses the acronym to refer to a person’s **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality and **E**xperiences. God has created you to be uniquely you—there is nobody else like you. He did this so that you are able to serve in ministry roles that are uniquely *shaped* for you. Take a few minutes to think about the way that God has *shaped* you.

### **Spiritual Gifts\*** –

How does God most often work through you to impact the lives of others?

### **Heart** –

What are you passionate about? What drives you? What cause will you conquer?

### **Abilities** –

What do you love to do that you are also good at doing?

### **Personality** –

How do you relate to other people and to opportunities you face?

### **Experience** –

What have you experienced in life that has made you who you are?

\*If you are not familiar with the concept of spiritual gifts and would like more information, please contact Pastor Wade who will be able to walk you through a process to discover your giftedness.

## Scripture Meditation Journal:

**Title:**

**Date:**

**Bible Reading:** Titus 1

**Focus Text:**

Consider using either the SOAP Journal or Lectio Divina method.

Questions for Reflection:

In his book *Discovering Your Ministry Identity*, Paul Ford asks the question, “How can we describe God’s workmanship in us? [He says,] I call it Ministry Identity: not what you do for God, but who you already are in Christ.” We believe that your *shape* helps to determine your *ministry identity*. Our goal is to help you discover both of these in order to discover your ministry role.

Spend a few moments reflecting on your responses to your S.H.A.P.E. from Day 1. Are there any answers that you need to modify? Is there anything that you need to add or delete?

Read Romans 12:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-30.

As you spend time reading these passages, ask God to reveal to you what your ministry role might be in the body of Christ—the local church.

What is God impressing upon you to do in response to this study?

## Scripture Meditation Journal:

**Title:**

**Date:**

**Bible Reading:** Titus 2

**Focus Text:**

Consider using either the SOAP Journal or Lectio Divina method.

Questions for Reflection:

Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

What functions do the leaders of a church fulfill according to verse 11?

Describe the outworking of each of these functions.

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What is the church leader's primary responsibility according to verse 12? What is the ultimate goal of this process (4:12b-14)?

What is the responsibility of the church member in this process (4:15-16)?

Realizing that it is the responsibility of every member to be a minister, what will you do? How has God *shaped* you to minister in and through the church?

## Scripture Meditation Journal:

**Title:**

**Date:**

**Bible Reading:** Titus 3

**Focus Text:**

Consider using either the SOAP Journal or Lectio Divina method.