

= **Statement of interest.**



= **Intriguing question.**



= **Bible verse to read.**



= **Hope@Home discussion.**



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**SERIES 1**

**THE  
JOURNEY**

**STUDY GUIDE**



# **Journeying Prepared**

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## God's Masterpiece: YOU!

*"The clearest picture of an empty life is the suburban man, who gets up at the same hour every weekday morning, takes the same train to work in the city, performs the same tasks at the office, lunches at the same places, leaves the same tip for the waitress, comes home on the same train each night; spends a two-week vacation at the shore every summer which he does not enjoy. Goes to church but does not really know why he goes, and moves through a routine, mechanical existence year after year until he finally retires at age 65 and very soon thereafter dies of heart failure, possibly brought on by repressed anger. Though I always have the suspicion that he died from boredom."*

—Psychologist Rollo May, 1950's



There is a sense inside of all of us somewhere (if we haven't anesthetized it totally yet) that **we are created for more than this.**

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." —Ephesians 2:10 [NLT]*

We are God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Created exactly as He intended for \_\_\_\_\_.

Things that He \_\_\_\_\_ long ago.



 **Joshua 13:1-16:31**

In what ways did Samson step into the story?

In what ways did Samson step out of the story?

 **Acts 22:1-22 and Philippians 3:12-14**

Discuss the comparisons and differences between Paul and Samson.

What messages did you receive as you were growing up?

Which of those messages do you think God wants to call you out of?

How has your life been influenced over these past 5 weeks as you discovered how God has uniquely created you?

**Suggestion:** Record your group members' gifts, passions and talents. Organize within your group (1) prayer partners and/or (2) a method of accountability for the decisions made or to be made as a result of this Step In To The Story: Journeying Prepared series.



**Opener:** What are two of your strongest skills?

# Special Skills and Abilities Survey

These traits may be either acquired skills you have through experience, or abilities you are given at birth.

## “PEOPLE” SKILLS

- Friendly and outgoing
- Comfortable on the phone
- Recruiting ability
- Warm and caring
- Interviewing ability
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE SKILLS

- Receptionist/Clerical Work
- Folding/Sorting
- Organizing
- Transcribing/word processing
- Sales
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## BUILDING SKILLS

- General maintenance
- Facilities maintenance
- Plumbing
- Electrical work
- Painting Facilities
- Safety Risk Management
- Landscape/Gardening
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENT SKILLS

- Party/Event planning
- Kitchen organizing and cleaning
- Baking and/or cooking
- Serving food
- Setting up/breaking down events
- Decorating
- Hosting Social Events
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Multi-media Production
- Audio/Visual systems
- Computers
- Programming
- Editing
- Webmaster
- Data entry
- Desktop publishing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## FINE ARTS SKILLS

- Acting
- Singing
- Music (instrument: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Flower arranging
- Graphic arts
- Sculpting
- Communications/Marketing
- Photography
- Printing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

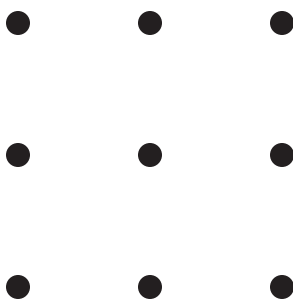
## LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Leading
- Organizing
- Sharing new visions/ideas
- Problem solving
- Planning
- Team building/Recruiting
- Managing abilities
- Facilitating
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Homework:** Make sure that your personal profile on HopeSanPedro.com accurately reflects your skills, gifts and other information you discovered during this series.

*“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body  
and knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!  
Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it.”*  
—Psalm 139:13-14 [NLT]

Connect these dots with **four** straight lines **without** lifting your pen from the paper...



God does not \_\_\_\_\_ at things like we do.

*“...The LORD doesn’t make decisions the way you do! People judge by outward  
appearance, but the LORD looks at a person’s thoughts and intentions.”*  
—1st Samuel 16:7 [NLT]



**Opener:** List or draw the things that you would pack for a journey.



Share and discuss the contents of your suitcase with the group.

 **Ephesians 2:1-10**

Describe how a Christian's life is divided into two distinct phases.

How were you being controlled in the first phase of your life?

There is always \_\_\_\_\_ when we step out of God’s story for our lives.

Even when we step out of God’s story for our lives, He will extend \_\_\_\_\_.

Samson didn’t listen to \_\_\_\_\_. No accountability.

To step in to God’s story for our lives, we need \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ can be a barrier to our stepping in to God’s story for our lives.

*“As I was on the road, nearing Damascus, about noon a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’*

*“‘Who are you, sir?’ I asked. And he replied, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, the one you are persecuting.’ The people with me saw the light but didn’t hear the voice. ‘I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord told me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that you are to do.’”*

—Acts 22:6-10 [NLT]

When necessary, God will \_\_\_\_\_ us off of our horses to get us back in to His story for our lives.

*“I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven.”*

—Philippians 3:12-14 [NLT]

We are not to let our \_\_\_\_\_ keep us from stepping in to God’s story for our lives.



Are you stepping in to God’s story for your life like Paul, or are you stepping out of God’s story for your life like Samson?

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## Barriers to our Stepping In.



What if Martin Luther King had decided to be a painter instead of a pastor? What if Mother Theresa had decided to be a novelist instead of a nun? What if C.S. Lewis had decided to be a pipe-fitter instead of a writer? What if George

Washington had decided to be a garbage man instead of a general?

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” —Ephesians 2:10 [NLT]*



When you think of Samson, what are the first things you think of?

Samson demonstrates very little \_\_\_\_\_ throughout his life.



Samson’s lack of self-control causes him to **succumb to temptation** over and over. And in so doing, he steps out of God’s story for his life. You have to wonder what might have happened if Samson hadn’t done these things.

Samson’s continued yielding to \_\_\_\_\_ is a warning to us for our lives.

Samson stepped out of God’s story for his life by putting another person \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*“Then Samson prayed to the LORD, ‘Sovereign LORD, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me one more time so that I may pay back the Philistines for the loss of my eyes.’ Then Samson put his hands on the center pillars of the temple and pushed against them with all his might. ‘Let me die with the Philistines,’ he prayed. And the temple crashed down on the Philistine leaders and all the people. So he killed more people when he died than he had during his entire lifetime.”*

—Judges 16:28-30 [NLT]



What is the relationship between God's grace and good works?

Discuss the truths in the words of Rollo May. Are you a victim of boredom? Explain.

 **Psalm 139:13-14, 1 Samuel 16:7**

What do these verses say about the Lord's awareness of who we really are?

What do you think God can see in you, or plan for you, that is different from how you see or plan for yourself?

What do you think God has packed in your suitcase for your journey?

**Suggestion:** Pray in groups of 2 to 4 people for insight into what God has provided for your journey. (Take turns praying - instruct the people observing to especially listen for God's word or picture for the person being prayed for).

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## Your Spiritual Gifts.

*“Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.”*

—1 Corinthians 12 4-7 [NLT]

God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ about spiritual gifts.



God thinks this topic is **so important** that He inspires Paul to write three whole chapters in a row on this one subject. When you consider the finite amount of information in the Bible, **this is very significant!**

אִגְנוּוְיָוִי **agnoeoô** [ăg-nō-eh'-ō]

*Not to know (through lack of information or intelligence); by implication, to ignore (through disinclination): to be ignorant, not know, not understand*

This is the same word that we get “agnostic” from – “one with no understanding”.



God is very clear that He **does not** want us in that position with regard to spiritual gifts. **He wants us to know about the gifts we hold.**



 **Luke 5:17-20 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Define Power.

What is the influence of the power (or capabilities) given by God upon purpose and passion?

What has God put in your heart as a passion (what excites you) to inspire your purpose?

How has God provided the power to fuel that purpose and passion?

 **Matthew 28:18**

Discuss how you can live out the great commission individually and collectively as a group.

**Suggestion:** Prayer focused on the last point of discussion.



# Passion Indicators

Some describe it as a “calling.” Some describe it as a “fire.” You just know that when you see it or hear it, your ears perk up and you are instinctively drawn in. What subject(s) do you notice you react strongly to? Here are a few ideas or add your own.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Couples        | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Believers         | <input type="checkbox"/> _____         |

What area(s) do you feel you have a heart for?

Complete this statement: “If I could make a difference and impact an area of ministry, I would:

\_\_\_\_\_ kinds of gifts, but the \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Spirit is the source.

\_\_\_\_\_ kinds of service, but the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord we serve.

\_\_\_\_\_ ways that God works, but the \_\_\_\_\_ God who does the work.

*“Now all of you together are Christ’s body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it. Here is a list of some of the members that God has placed in the body of Christ:*

*first are apostles,  
second are prophets,  
third are teachers,  
then those who do miracles,  
those who have the gift of healing,  
those who can help others,  
those who can get others to work together,  
those who speak in unknown languages.*

*Is everyone an apostle? Of course not. Is everyone a prophet? No. Are all teachers? Does everyone have the power to do miracles? Does everyone have the gift of healing? Of course not. Does God give all of us the ability to speak in unknown languages? Can everyone interpret unknown languages? No! And in any event, you should desire the most helpful gifts.” —1 Corinthians 12 27:31 [NLT]*

\_\_\_\_\_ of us is given a spiritual gift by God.

Spiritual Gifts are for \_\_\_\_\_ the church.



The Bible is clear that Spiritual Gifts are **not just for us...** have you ever met anyone who used their gifts only for themselves?

A spiritual gift is a special \_\_\_\_\_ given by God through His grace. It is where His power flows through us. They are given to help \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ church.



We need to discover our spiritual gifts. **They are received, not achieved.** Therefore we **discover** them.

# Spiritual Gifts Assessment

**Step 1:** Read each statement to decide the degree to which it is true or false in your life. (This is to look at your past and present experiences, not future hopes and dreams) Write the number which best represents your answer in the box next to the statement.

**1 = never      2 = seldom      3 = often      4 = always**


**Step 2:** Total your responses at the end of each row of statements.

<b>1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to be more task and detail-centered than people-centered.	<input type="checkbox"/> I like to focus on the details of a vision rather than "the big picture".	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a careful planner.	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't communicate explanations, praise or specifics too well.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be unresponsive or negative toward suggestions or changes in plans.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I freely give what ever I have to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> I see money and possessions as God's.	<input type="checkbox"/> I set aside resources for special uses.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can give too much and effect my own family's needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be misled into giving that does not support the work of Christ .	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy seeing what needs to be done and jumping in to do it.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often assist others to accomplish their ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often do others work so they can do what they enjoy.	<input type="checkbox"/> It is hard for me to say "no" even if I am too busy.	<input type="checkbox"/> I sometimes neglect my and my families needs in order to help others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I am drawn to those who are seen as outcasts.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to patiently stay alongside someone who is ill.	<input type="checkbox"/> I try to relieve the source of people's suffering.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to base decisions on emotion rather than reason.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be too protective of a person who I care about.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I often change my schedule to serve others.	<input type="checkbox"/> I feel serving is enough and I don't need the recognition.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to see needs before others see them.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can over commit and then feel abused.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to go around proper authority to get tasks done.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy encouraging and motivating others to apply Scripture to their lives.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often tell others the truth, and people find it helpful.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am committed to help others with their spiritual growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to struggle with long-term guidance and often give "quick fixes".	<input type="checkbox"/> I can come across insensitive or harsh and am told I am not a good listener.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a strong desire to share the gospel with others.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often share the gospel and people come to Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a strong desire to see others share their faith.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to see people as "targets" and not as people with needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to lay on the guilt if someone is not sharing their faith.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>8</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to trust God in all things without fear.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am confident that God will change any negative situation for His glory.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often move out in faith when others are unwilling.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be impatient when others are more timid or careful.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to be unwilling to listen to counsel.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>9</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to see the "big picture" more than details.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can easily share with others the overall process of something.	<input type="checkbox"/> I end up in charge of things even if I wasn't supposed to.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be demanding at times.	<input type="checkbox"/> I tend to not seek others to help with details.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>10</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy caring for and being with people.	<input type="checkbox"/> I support others over an extended period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/> I naturally counsel and guide many people.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be indecisive because I want to be sensitive to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be too controlling out of a desire to "protect" someone.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>



**Opener:** Affirmation exercise. Put each group member's name at the top of individual blank sheets of paper. Pass around all pages to members of the group to write something affirming about that individual. (example: warm smile or loves kids, etc.)

After everyone has written all they would like, then distribute the page to that named individual.

 **Luke 4:18-21, Genesis 12:1-7, Joshua 1:1-5, and Acts 9:1-15**

Define Purpose (suggest referring to a dictionary)

Do you think all believers have a purpose for their lives? Why or why not?

What are the similarities and differences in each of these individuals' purposes?

 **Luke 7:36-38**

Define Passion.

How do you think individuals' passions (or character) play into their purpose (or calling)?

God has given each of us \_\_\_\_\_.

*“One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to push through the crowd to Jesus, but they couldn’t reach him. So they went up to the roof, took off some tiles, and lowered the sick man down into the crowd, still on his mat, right in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”* —Luke 5:17-20 [NLT]

Jesus **exemplifies** a life lived with purpose, passion and power.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ people.



What are the **practical consequences** of stepping in to the story?

Our lives should \_\_\_\_\_ others.

Our lives should \_\_\_\_\_ others.

Our lives should \_\_\_\_\_ for others.



**Luke 4:32; Luke 8:4; Luke 8:40, Matt 28:18, Luke 23:44-46**

<b>11</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I can proclaim timely and urgent messages from God.	<input type="checkbox"/> I speak the truth of Scripture with authority.	<input type="checkbox"/> I challenge people by speaking forth future or present events.	<input type="checkbox"/> I sometimes can be prideful out of the authority of the gift.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be too blunt and lack sensitivity at times.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>12</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a strong desire to communicate Biblical truth.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am able to put Scriptures together in an understandable way.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can give clear Biblical insight in dealing with life situations.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can come across as a "know it all".	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be too content-focused with little or no people-focus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>13</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I have the ability to determine whether a certain action has its source from God or man.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can discern someone's spiritual motives.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often help others discover the spiritual source of their problems.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be too judgmental of others and their motives.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be insensitive to the process needed for change in someone's life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>14</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> When I pray for someone's healing, a high percentage are healed.	<input type="checkbox"/> I totally believe that God can heal physical, emotional, and spiritual illness.	<input type="checkbox"/> I also believe God may choose to not heal in certain circumstances.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can feel personally responsible for someone not healed.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can overstep my area of healing even though God wants me to focus on one area.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>15</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I often have words, phrases, or word pictures appear in my mind.	<input type="checkbox"/> I receive supernatural insight directly out of prayer.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often understand or know things that I would not know naturally.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can mistakenly give a personal message to a large group of people.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can respond to false or self-initiated impulses.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>
<b>16</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I often have supernatural knowledge and can apply it to my life.	<input type="checkbox"/> I often give counsel to others with practical, helpful solutions to problems.	<input type="checkbox"/> People tend to stop and listen when I share spiritual insights.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can sometimes force my personal view believing it was from God.	<input type="checkbox"/> I can be prideful as people listen when I speak.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total</b>

**Step 3:** Use your totals from each row to circle the appropriate number on the graph below. The sums will indicate which of the motivational gifts you likely have.

**Step 4:** Use the Rank column to order your gifts by the highest score to lowest.

#	Gift	Score	Rank
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<b>3</b>	<b>HELPS</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
<b>4</b>	<b>MERCY</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
<b>5</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
<b>6</b>	<b>EXHORTATION</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
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<b>14</b>	<b>HEALING</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
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<b>16</b>	<b>WORD OF WISDOM</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	

# Using Your Spiritual Gifts

Now that you've discovered which gifts the Lord has blessed you with, you'll want to know how to put them to good use through service. Here are a few suggested areas of service to consider. Most gifts overlap into several ministries.

## 1 ADMINISTRATION

- Administrative help on any Ministry Team
- Office Volunteer
- Media Team
- Bookstore Team

## 2 GIVING

- All Outreach Ministries
- All Missions Teams

## 3 HELPS

- Church Security
- Building Hope Volunteer
- Communion Team
- Refreshment Team

## 4 MERCY

- Any Ministry Team
- Feeding Hope Ministry
- Hope Health Ministry
- Youth Groups

## 5 SERVICE

- Event Support Team
- Children's Church Helper
- Building Hope Volunteer
- Visitation Ministry
- H@H Host

## 6 EXHORTATION

- Worship Team Member
- Welcome Host/Hostess
- Usher/Greeter Team

## 7 EVANGELISM

- Bible Study Team
- Youth Camp Helpers
- Outreach ministries

## 8 FAITH

- Any Ministry Team
- Prayer Team
- Visitation Ministry

## 9 LEADERSHIP

- Any leadership position within a Ministry
- H@H Facilitator

## 10 PASTORING

- Any Support Group Team
- Children's Church Leader
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Ministry
- Single Parent Ministry

## 11 PROPHET

- Any Prayer Team
- Pastoral Advisor

## 12 TEACHING

- Under Construction Team
- Children's Church
- Youth Ministries
- H@H Leader
- Literacy Program Tutor

## 13 DISCERNMENT

- Any Prayer Team
- All Support Teams

## 14 HEALING

- Any Prayer Team
- All Outreach Ministries

## 15 KNOWLEDGE

- Under Construction Instructor
- Pastoral Advisor

## 16 WISDOM

- Prayer Team
- Church Council

# The Next Step...

We've made the process of finding and pursuing your service "fit" as easy as it can be. Look for our brochure "How You Can Be of Service", fill it out and hand it to anyone already serving at Hope Chapel. You may also want to visit the Pathways page on our website [HopeSanPedro.com](http://HopeSanPedro.com) and/or our Ministry Fair this March 9-11 for more information on how you can serve.



# Journeying Prepared

## Purpose, Passion & Power

God has given each of us a \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors,  
and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.”*

*He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. Everyone in the synagogue stared at him intently. Then he said, “This Scripture has come true today before your very eyes!”* —Luke 4:18-21 [NLT]



I am sure you have seen people living with a purpose... someone who is driven to achieve. What are some of the characteristics of a person with a purpose?

God has given each of us a \_\_\_\_\_.

*“One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to come to his home for a meal, so Jesus accepted the invitation and sat down to eat. A certain immoral woman heard he was there and brought a beautiful jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.”* —Luke 7:36-38 [NLT]



Take time to complete your own timeline.

Share your timeline with the group (or break into groups of 2 to 4 for the same purpose).

Find and share a scripture that might be considered a “theme scripture” for your life. Explain why that scripture seems to fit.

How has Pastor Dan’s testimony helped you to see your own testimony?

In what ways do you see your spiritual gifts revealed in your testimony? Explain.

**Suggestion:** Pray in groups of 2 to 4 people for the full realization of your testimony and spiritual gifts.



**Opener:** Describe yourself as a “part” of the body of Christ (an eye, hand, etc.). Why did you select that part?

 **1 Corinthians 12:1-7**

Define “spiritual gift”.

Who has been given spiritual gifts? Who are they from and for what purposes are they given?

 **1 Corinthians 12:8-30; Romans 12:1-8; Ephesians 4:7-13**

List the spiritual gifts identified in each of these passages. Discuss the importance of all spiritual gifts given. Do you think any gift is less important than another? Why?

Open your spiritual gifts by completing your spiritual gift assessment.

What have you discovered? How can the group encourage your discovery?

**Suggestion:** Pray for one another to realize and embrace the spiritual gifts that God has designed especially for them.

# Journeying Prepared


# This Is Your Life.

This week as Dan recounts his journey, he puts it all down into a timeline. Now it's your turn. Use these pages to tell your story. You may want to use different ink colors to distinguish positive and negative events.

The form is a timeline template. It consists of a central horizontal line. Above this line, there are three large rectangular boxes. Below the line, there are four rectangular boxes of varying widths. Further down, there are three more rectangular boxes, and at the bottom, there are three large rectangular boxes. Vertical lines connect the boxes to the central line, creating a branching structure for writing events.