

**Next Steps:** A resource for learning to live into your purpose was developed by Saddleback Church. They use the acronym S.H.A.P.E. to help individuals evaluate and determine how they are uniquely designed, wired and shaped by God to “do good works”. There is a whole book on it, but I’m going to give you the Cliffs Notes (or for you young pups, Spark Notes) version.

**S – Spiritual Gift(s)** – Read through the following passages. Remember, these do not comprise an exhaustive list!

- Exodus 31:1-11
- Romans 12:3-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
- Ephesians 4:3-7, 11-16
- 1 Peter 4:10-11

If you’d like to take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment, there is a link on our church website to the below online assessment as well as a paper copy one you can download and print (<https://spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gifts-test-adult-version/>)

**H – Heart** – Think about the things you are passionate about. What drives my life? Who do I care about most? What is the cause I feel God wants me to help conquer for him? What is my ultimate dream for God’s Kingdom?

**A – Abilities** – What do I naturally excel at? What are my top abilities?

**P – Personality** – Am I outgoing or reserved? Am I self-expressive or self-controlled? Do I like working with people or more on projects? Do I tend to follow or lead? Do I prefer routine or variety?

**E – Experiences** – Think about where you’ve been and experiences you’ve had – both good and bad. What areas might I be able to help another person? What are experiences that God helped me through that I might be able to help others with?

Rees, Erik. *S.H.A.P.E. Finding & Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose For Life*. Zondervan, 2006.

**Next Steps:** Join us for the next three weeks as we look at a few characters in the Bible and how they lived out the purpose God had for them. Next Sunday we’ll read about the Apostle Paul.