

MADE FOR MORE

EXERCISE: FROM SHAPE TO SERVICE

Discerning Where You Might Serve in the Body of Christ

God does not give gifts by chance. Scripture teaches that the Holy Spirit intentionally distributes gifts to build up the church and to promote unity, the common good, peace, and the flourishing of God's people.

Your SHAPE—your Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences—offers clues about how God may be inviting you to participate in the life of the church right now.

This exercise will help you connect what God has formed in you with specific serving opportunities in the body, not as obligation, but as an invitation to participate.

Step 1: Consider Your SHAPE

Begin by listing all the roles you currently hold. Don't overthink this—just write them out (parent, spouse, child, friend, coworker, student, caregiver, disciple of Jesus, etc.).

Take a moment to review the results of your SHAPE assessment.

Write down your top 3 spiritual gifts:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Write down 3 talents or passions you have:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Write down 3 potential areas of the church where you could apply your S.H.A.P.E. Think about the people you feel drawn to serve or the needs you naturally notice.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Step 2: Connect Gifts to Serving Environments

Below are common serving areas in the church. As you read, resist the urge to ask “Am I qualified?” Instead, notice where God may be inviting your gifts to serve the good of others. Check any area that feels like a potential fit—not a final commitment.

Children’s Ministry

Teaching, nurturing, creativity, safety

Gifts often used: Teaching, Encouragement, Mercy, Shepherding, Helps

Student Ministry (Middle & High School)

Mentoring, presence, leadership

Gifts often used: Shepherding, Teaching, Leadership, Discernment

Tech Arts (Music, Media, Lights, Sound)

Creativity, excellence, behind-the-scenes service

Gifts often used: Creativity, Helps, Wisdom

Campus Ops & Safety

Preparation, order, protection, logistics

Gifts often used: Helps, Administration, Leadership, Discernment

Communications (Writing, Photography, Media)

Storytelling, clarity, beauty

Gifts often used: Creativity, Teaching, Wisdom

First Impressions

(Parking, Greeters, Coffee, Ushers, Guest Services)

Hospitality, warmth, awareness

Gifts often used: Hospitality, Encouragement, Helps, Mercy

IT & Systems Support

Problem-solving, structure, reliability

Gifts often used: Wisdom, Helps, Administration

Go Local

Service, outreach, presence

Gifts often used: Mercy, Helps, Leadership, Encouragement, Administration

Step 3: Take One Faithful Next Step

Prayerfully identify one serving area, one gift or ability, and one faithful next step. If you're not currently on a serve team, visit clearcreek.org/serve to explore opportunities. If you are already serving, take time to consider whether your current role aligns with your gifts and passions in this season.

Serving area I feel drawn to: _____

Gift or ability I sense God inviting me to use: _____

One next step I can take: _____

Step 4: Take One Faithful Next Step

Pray: "Lord, thank you for the way you've shaped me. Help me serve not from a place of pressure or comparison, but from gratitude and obedience. Use my gifts to build up your church. Amen."