

DISCOVERING HOW YOU CAN CONNECT

Truths About Connection:

1. Your connection with God is grown through your connection with others. Love requires action. 1 John 4:7-9
2. God has a plan for you and a purpose for you in His church that will involve connecting with others. Romans 12:5

Tips to Discover and Define Your Purpose:

Begin by prayer - Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who you are in Christ.

* Talents

What are your natural abilities, skills, education and training? These could include painting and decorating, trade skills like carpentry and plumbing, technical like sound, video, and computers, hobbies such as model railroads, hiking or rafting, exercising, teaching, hosting, singing, playing musical instruments, understanding God's Word or sharing it.

* Passions

What burns inside of you needs to be done - Social issues like homeless, hunger, child or animal mistreatment. Divorce support, marriage coaching, singles issues. Addiction, how others feel or how they are treated (this is a huge need at church); kids and teens; reading books and sharing insights.

* Temperament

Who God made you to be - how you're wired. Examples: empathize, merciful or confrontational

Knowing who you are will often determine where or how you connect with others with your talents or passions. ***Think outside the box when considering where and how God will work through you.*** It may or may not be in traditional ways such as Sunday services, Sunday school, or Bible studies.

S.H.A.P.E. TEST - Helping you discover God's purpose in life.

The S.H.A.P.E. test will help you discover the S.H.A.P.E. that God has given you. This combines various aspects of your life to help you to discover what God has called you to do. The areas that it will cover are:

S - Spiritual Gifts. The gifts that God has given you when you became a follower of Christ.

H - Heart - The things that you are passionate about.

A - Abilities - The talents that you have.

P - Personality - How you relate to others.

E - Experience - How your past can help you in the future.

You can take a free S.H.A.P.E. test at: freeshapetest.com

After you have finished your test, enter your email and then enter the email: shape@rockspring.net so that the results can be sent to Pastor Mike