



PREPARE MODULE #1

LEADER:: KID SIDE | EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

COMPETENCY: Utilize your God-given strengths and gifts to impact others through your personal life, in ministry, at work, and in your circles of influence.

OBJECTIVE: Learn how to identify your spiritual gifts and how your individual strengths can serve to better the team as well as yourself.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Assignment 1 // Read *Romans 12:4-8* and answer the corresponding questions.
- Assignment 2 // Read the article, [Never Forget How God SHAPED You for Ministry](#) by Rick Warren, creator of SHAPE.
- Assignment 3 // Take the SHAPE test during the first session together. Answer the corresponding questions.

ASSIGNMENT 1

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Romans 12:4-8 (The Msg)

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't. If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in

charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

QUESTIONS:

1. *Everyone has different gifts and ways that they can make a difference. In what ways does this passage teach us about the use of our gifts?*

2. *Have you had any difficulty with feeling like your giftedness wasn't used or appreciated?*

3. *What are some common mistakes that are made when it comes to this idea of valuing all parts of a team or community? How can you use your giftedness together with the gifts of others to make a difference in Kidside?*

ASSIGNMENT 2

Read the article: [Never Forget How God SHAPED You for Ministry](#) by Rick Warren, creator of SHAPE.

ASSIGNMENT 3

Take the SHAPE test: [Shape Test – Helping You Discover God's Purpose in Life](#)

QUESTIONS:

1. *Now that you know your SHAPE, name some ways you are currently utilizing your SHAPE in Kidside or how you could begin to use your SHAPE in Kidside.*
2. *How do you see your SHAPE in action at work? How do you see your SHAPE impact your home? What could you do to use your SHAPE more in those areas?*
3. *Name an experience where you've served or worked outside of your SHAPE. Was this fulfilling for you or not? What would have happened if you hadn't stepped into this role?*
4. *What are some parts of your SHAPE that you have not yet been able to use?*
5. *Was there anything in your SHAPE test results that surprised you? Why?*

What are at least two LEADERSHIP TAKEAWAYS from this module? Be prepared to discuss with your group.

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