



Uniquely Shaped for Worship

Exodus: The Way In

Exodus 35:30-35; 36:1-7 | June 7th - 13th, 2015

Warm Up: Two Sunday's ago, Pastor George took us through the structure and materials of the tabernacle, which showed us God's redemptive plan and His desire to dwell among His people. This past Sunday, Pastor Seth zeroed in on how each of us is uniquely shaped for worship. Just as the tabernacle was constructed with exact specifications ... so were each of us!

- ❖ **Read Psalm 139:11-16, I Peter 1:15-16, 4:10, Ephesians 2:10, and Romans 8:29.** How does the knowledge that you were *designed for a purpose* encourage you? Do you see your temperament, life experiences, skills, and passions as being important to God? What is your wrestle (if any) with this? Break into groups of two and discuss the following. Remember, you're trying to get to a better understanding of how God has shaped you in hopes of being used to your greatest potential for Him!
 - What do you *love* to do?
 - What are you good at?
 - Who do you most like to spend time with? (think age or affinity groups)

- ❖ We are empowered by God to carry out His will (**Ex 36:1**) and we heard on Sunday that this is far less "sensational" than we might think. "In fact, being filled with the Spirit is a biblical idiom for having from God the ability to do or say exactly what God wants done or said." - Stuart, D.K. (2006)
 - Has there been a time when you were filled with the Spirit to do or say what God was asking you to?
 - How do we build into our lives a deeper dependence on God for the activities and relationships we engage in each day?

- ❖ As believers in Jesus Christ, ***WE*** are now the portable tabernacle. God, through His Spirit, indwells us and we are His chosen people to be salt and light to the world. God has imparted gift(s) - see **Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4** - to every believer in Jesus Christ. We learned that each of us has something to offer and that God wants us to work hard as unto the Lord (**Colossians 3:17**) A helpful acronym when considering your own SHAPE is: **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart, **A**bilities, and **E**xperiences. Each of these makes you who you are! Discuss what each person believes their primary spiritual gift to be. You may know this from experience or what others have told you.
 - Why do you believe this to be your gift(s)?
 - How have you used these gifts for the kingdom of God?
 - If time permits, explore within your life group what you may sense or see as a gift in one another.

Wrap Up: In Henry Blackaby's book, *Experiencing God*, he gives advice on how we can put to use God's gifts. He says, "Find out where the Master is, and that is where you need to be." He also encourages to "look around and see where Christ is working and join in."

Christ is working at The Shoreline, in San Clemente, and beyond. Take some time this upcoming Sunday to notice the various ministry opportunities that are available. Where do you see Christ working? Close your time in prayer asking God to lead and direct your steps.