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Week 3



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As we move on through our SHAPEd series, the next topic we will look at is your abilities. Your abilities are the things you are naturally good at. Are you good at cooking, carpentry, plumbing, sewing? All of these are abilities, and they have a place in the Kingdom of God, as we will see in the Bible.

## Day 1

### 1. Scripture

Read Exodus 31:1-11

### 2. Reflection

List the abilities God gave Bezalel. Do you have any abilities like these?

Make a list of the items that needed to be made for the Tabernacle. Next to the items, write the skills necessary to create these items.

Look up verse 6 in the ESV (you can go online if you don't own one). To whom does God give abilities? Does that include you?

### 3. Prayer

Pray that God would begin to reveal to you those abilities He needs in His kingdom.

## Day 2

### 1. Scripture

Read Nehemiah 4

### 2. Reflection

In this chapter, the Jews are coming back to Jerusalem from the Babylonian captivity. They have found the walls of Jerusalem in rubble and begin rebuilding. Write down what types of work you think would be necessary to achieve this task (don't forget workers need to eat, amongst other things)

Look at verse 6. What does this verse say was a big factor in getting the wall rebuilt?

They were so dedicated to rebuilding the wall they even slept in Jerusalem. What might it look like to pull an all-nighter working in God's Kingdom?

### 3. Prayer

Continue to pray that God would reveal to you those abilities He needs in His kingdom.

## Day 3

### 1. Scripture

Read Acts 2:42-47

### 2. Reflection

What abilities do you think were necessary to pull off this type of communal lifestyle?

Do you think verse 43 happened because people were exercising their abilities, or did people exercise their abilities because of what was happening?

Look at verse 47. What was the result of the way they were living their life? Do you think everyone exercising their abilities contributed to that?

### 3. Prayer

As you begin to discern what abilities you have that can contribute to God's kingdom, pray that He would open doors for you to use them.

## Day 4

### 1. Scripture

Read Acts 18:1-4

### 2. Reflection

What was one of Paul's abilities?

Given that Paul wrote most of the New Testament, do you think it was beneath Paul to exercise his tent making abilities?

What did Paul's tent making abilities allow him to do?

Bonus question: Look for other places we see Priscilla and Aquilla in the Bible.

### 3. Prayer

Pray that your abilities would enable you to live a lifestyle that lets you share the gospel.

## Day 5

### 1. Scripture

Read Genesis 2:1-17

### 2. Reflection

Who made the earth? If God works and we are His followers, what does that mean for us?

Do you think it was beneath the almighty, eternal God to create the earth and everything else? Do you think all this creation was dirty work? Does this work glorify God?

Look at verse 15. For what reason did God place Adam in the garden? What abilities would he need to do this?

### 3. Prayer

Pray that your abilities would glorify God and further His kingdom

Day 6

Review what you learned this week.

What do you think your abilities are?

How can your abilities serve God's kingdom?