

Our hope is that GrowthTrack helps you see the adventure God has for you, where you are on the adventure, and the next step for you to take.

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# Purpose Statement

God has put \_\_\_\_\_ here ON PURPOSE.

INSERT NAME

God has gifted me to

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SPIRITUAL GIFT 1

and

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SPIRITUAL GIFT 2

I do that best when I am

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DISC STRENGTH 1

and

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DISC STRENGTH 2

I am most fulfilled when I take my passions of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

LIST PASSIONS

and use them for what God is passionate about as...

I step into \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE I AM

to make an eternal difference in the lives of the people God has put around me.

PERSONALITY

PASSIONS

PLACE

# Week ONE

KNOW GOD

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# Discover Purpose: Why Am I Here?

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## Part 1

PROVERBS 29:18 (MSG)

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

When we can't see what God is doing, we \_\_\_\_\_  
the purpose he has for us.

When you get *spiritual vision* on why you are here,  
you can step into the adventure with clarity and  
purpose to ultimately make an eternal difference.

We believe the Christian life is an \_\_\_\_\_  
to be explored and lived.

Our hope is to be your guide, helping you:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the adventure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ where you are on the adventure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity to your next steps.

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# Life-Changing Adventure: The Spiritual Journey

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## Know \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 17:3

Receiving God's grace and trusting him more every day.

## Find \_\_\_\_\_

JAMES 5:16

Engaging in authentic relationships that help us get through what we're going through.

## Discover \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

Realizing your personality, passions, and place all have potential with God.

## Make a \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

Using the life God has given you to grow his family.

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**You can't know what you were made to do until you know the one who made you.**

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# Discover Purpose: Know God Personally

Knowing God is foundational to your purpose. Our understanding of God, or posture toward him, shapes our view of ourselves and others.

## **Resistant Posture**

Trying to do things my own way. Resisting my created purpose.

## **Receptive Posture**

Allows you to receive the purpose he has for you.

LEADS TO A...

## **Religious View**

God is your boss and your purpose is to try hard to make him happy.

## **Trusting View**

God is powerful and personal. Your purpose is found in trusting who God is and who he says we are. You live by his grace and what he has accomplished on the cross.

OR A...

## **Rebellious View**

God is a problem—he is unnecessary, and your purpose is to take control of your life.

A purpose is \_\_\_\_\_ to you; it's not something you create.

But first, have you received God's grace and put your trust in him?

ROMANS 10:9-10 (NLT)

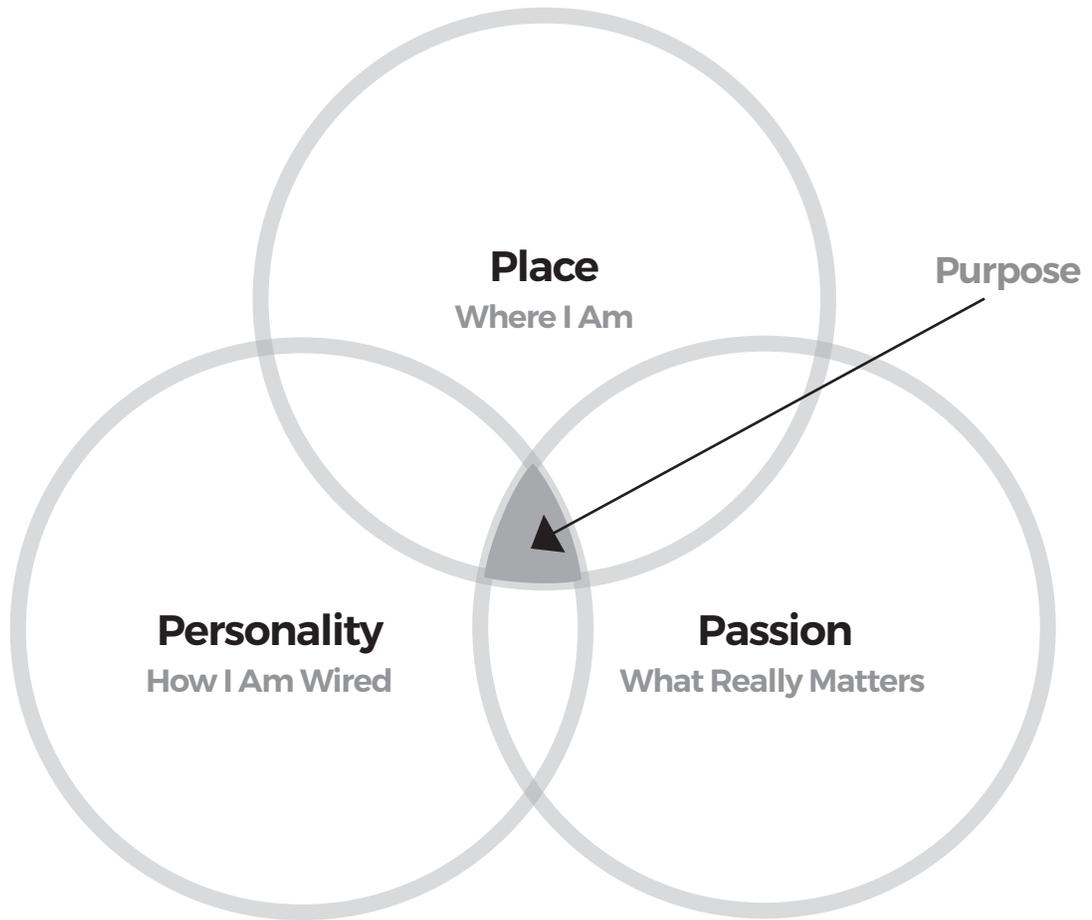
If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

## Next steps:

- If you made the decision to follow Jesus today:
  - **SHARE** it with someone, such as us or your GrowthTrack team.
  - Get **BAPTIZED**, available today and every first weekend of the month.
- Have questions? Not quite ready? That's ok!
  - Ask us any questions you have.
  - Read the Baptism Bible Study.
  - Join a Starting Point Group.
- Connect with God every day.
  - Subscribe to the LivingItOut at [CedarCreek.tv/livingitout](http://CedarCreek.tv/livingitout).
  - Start with the New Testament and read the Bible regularly.



**Your purpose has 3 parts:**



We need all three — if we only have:

**Passion and Place** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality and Place** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality and Passion** = \_\_\_\_\_

## Next steps:

- Complete all four weeks of GrowthTrack
  - Week 1: Know God
  - Week 2: Discover Purpose - Personality
  - Week 3: Discover Purpose - Passion
  - Week 4: Discover Purpose - Place

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# Know God When Reading your Bible:

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Start by asking yourself, is this an example of Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, or Make a Difference?

## Questions for further reflection:

How does this help me to know God more?

In what area is God revealing that I need to find freedom?

What does this show me about discovering my purpose?

How does knowing this help me make a difference?

EPHESIANS 3:16

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

# Life Change.

We believe the Christian life is an adventure to explore, one full of meaning and purpose. God has a life-changing adventure he's inviting you into - a story he's writing through individuals like Jamie, Steve, Bonita, and you!

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## JAMIE BUDD



Like for most of us, 2020 was challenging for Jamie. She had started a new job, her husband was in the military, and they were trying to get pregnant. Jamie was struggling with anxiety; nothing she tried was working to alleviate the stress she was feeling. Jamie and her husband decided they would give church a try. The first weekend they showed up, there was a promotion for the next series, Finding Peace. That was just what they were looking for. Jamie continued to attend the weekend service

and knew that she needed Jesus in her life. She took a courageous step by joining a Group, and ended up finding a community of people to encourage her, pray for her, and do life with her.

*"Really, from those first couple weeks, asking for help, it started this fire... of one thing after another... joining a Group, getting baptized, doing GrowthTrack, then leading a Group and leading other women and serving on the DreamTeam and helping other people get baptized..."*

*"I really think that I found Jesus through CedarCreek. My life isn't perfect, everything isn't magically fixed, but it has made it more meaningful. Experiences are more meaningful, my marriage is more meaningful, friendships are more meaningful. Everything has been so much better since coming to CedarCreek and learning about who Jesus is."*

# STEVE SAWYER



For most of Steve's life, Church wasn't a significant part. But, as a family, every year they would attend a church service at Christmas. One Christmas Eve, he was invited to CedarCreek.

"I sat in my seat thinking, I can apply this in my everyday life.... This is different, and I think it's calling me to come back...."

The first week of January, Steve came back to CedarCreek - for the next two years, he continued to show up, watch the service, and leave immediately afterward. During that time, Steve found himself using what he learned at church in his work life and in his personal life. One day, during his typical commute to work, he started thinking, "There has got to be more to life than this." That thought jolted him into quite a journey. He ended up joining a Group, where the leader challenged him to get clarity on his story by completing GrowthTrack.

"My top three (spiritual) gifts were leadership, teaching, and encouragement. I remember looking at the host and thinking, I'd like to have a go at doing this... actually hosting GrowthTrack."

After finishing GrowthTrack, Steve joined the DreamTeam and began facilitating GrowthTrack to help others in their journey and, really, to discover their purpose.

"Sometimes you just have to have the faith and the courage to take that next step, because CedarCreek has the desire and passion to help you take that next step...."

# BONITA BAKER

Bonita grew up in England, where a seed of faith was planted at an early age. When she was just 24, her mother passed away very suddenly, and she began to move away from that seed that'd been planted.

"I didn't like God, I was angry at God, I didn't understand God.... I just lived my life thinking I had control of everything."

In 2018, Bonita came to the United States for a pickleball tournament and met Marsha. They struck up a friendship that led them to talking about the Bible. That turned into Bonita listening to Scripture on the Bible app and joining an online Group at CedarCreek, where she could ask lots of questions about what she was reading.

"I knew of Jesus, I knew of God, but I had no idea about having a personal relationship with God. ...and that was the major transformation for me. Now I feel I have a personal relationship with God, and that is so different than just going to church as a child."

Bonita eventually surrendered her life to Jesus and, on December 5th, got baptized with her group of ladies around her.

"Before Christ, my life was self-centered... it was all about me... I had a totally different perspective. And now, I feel my life is focused on God... and I have a peace that I've never had before, because I know I'm loved by God - that my past, present, future mistakes don't define me...."



## **Week TWO**

Discover Purpose: Personality  
How I am wired

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# Discover Your Purpose: Personality

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The Christian life is an adventure to be explored.

## THE LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE IS TO:

### **Know** \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 17:3

Receiving God's grace and trusting him more every day.

### **Find** \_\_\_\_\_

JAMES 5:16

Engaging in authentic relationships that help us get through what we're going through.

### **Discover** \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

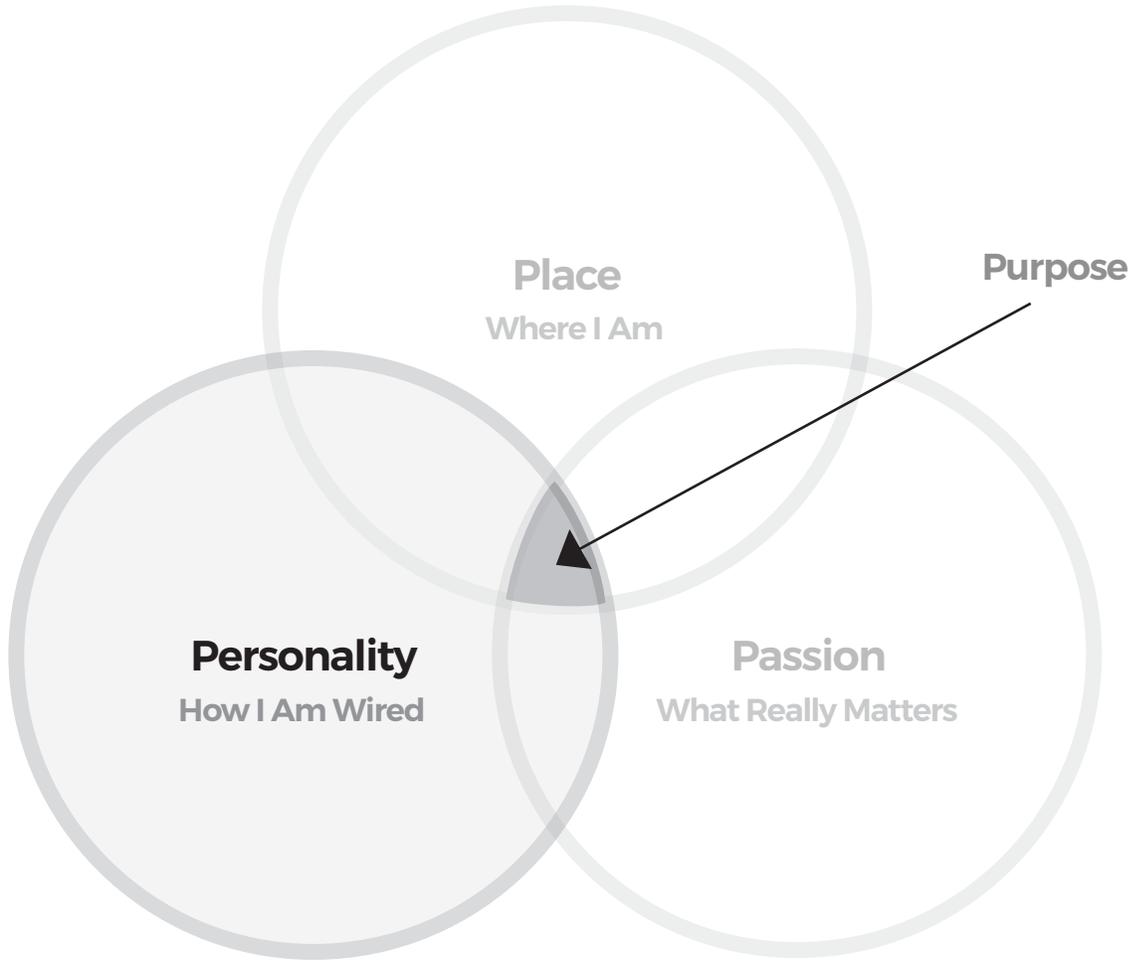
Realizing your personality, passions, and place all have potential with God.

### **Make a** \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

Using the life God has given you to grow his family.

**Your purpose is made up of 3 parts:**



**You are invited to be a part  
of the story God is writing!**

PSALM 139:13-18 (NLT)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body  
and knit me together in my mother's womb.

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!

Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,  
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out  
before a single day had passed.

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.

They cannot be numbered!

I can't even count them;  
they outnumber the grains of sand!

And when I wake up,  
you are still with me!

### Spiritual truths to receive:

1. God purposefully \_\_\_\_\_ you.
2. God uniquely \_\_\_\_\_ you.
3. Your past is full of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You are \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

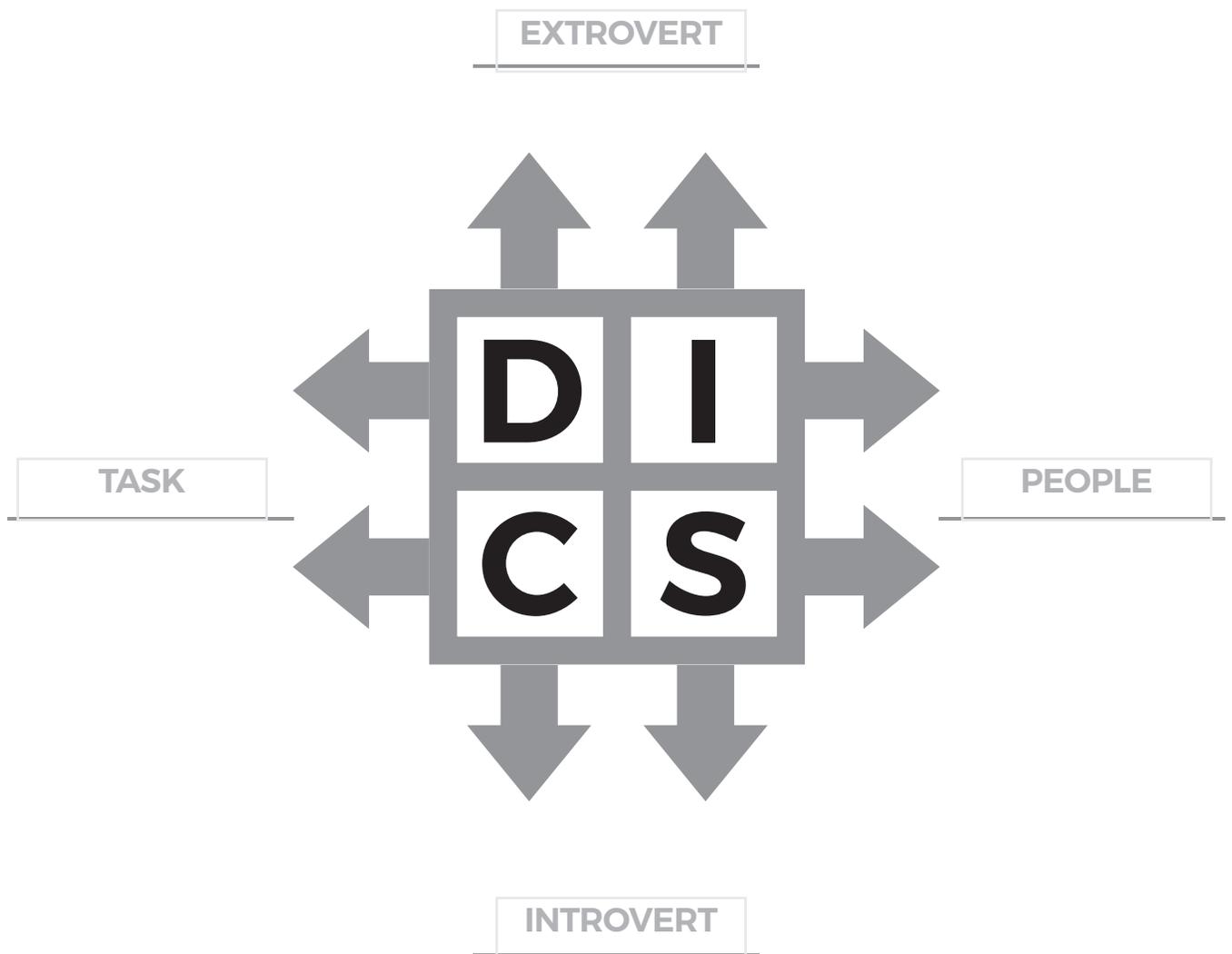
# DiSC® ASSESSMENT

DiSC® is a leading personality assessment tool used by over 1 million people every year to improve work productivity, teamwork and communication.

## My Personality/Leadership Style \_\_\_\_\_

D	1. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
	I am assertive, demanding, and decisive.	1	2	3	4	5
	I enjoy doing multiple tasks at once.	1	2	3	4	5
	I thrive in a challenge-based environment.	1	2	3	4	5
	I think about tasks more than others or myself.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by accomplishment and authority.	1	2	3	4	5
I	2. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
	I enjoy influencing and inspiring other people.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am optimistic about others.	1	2	3	4	5
	I tend to be the life of the party.	1	2	3	4	5
	I think about motivating people.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by recognition and approval.	1	2	3	4	5
S	3. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
	I thrive in consistent environments.	1	2	3	4	5
	I prefer specifics over generalizations.	1	2	3	4	5
	I enjoy small groups of people.	1	2	3	4	5
	I prefer being a member of a team.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by stability and support.	1	2	3	4	5
C	4. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
	I typically do not take big risks.	1	2	3	4	5
	I love tasks, order, and details.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am right most of the time.	1	2	3	4	5
	I comply with clearly defined rules.	1	2	3	4	5
	I am motivated by quality and correctness.	1	2	3	4	5

# DiSC Assessment: In our everyday



## DISC PERSONALITY OVERVIEWS

### D: DOMINANCE

Direct and decisive; they are risk takers and problem solvers. They are more concerned with completing tasks and winning than they are with gaining approval from people. Though the internal drive tends to make them insensitive to those around them, “D”s are not afraid to challenge the status quo, and they thrive when it comes to developing new things. They need discipline to excel, and they respond to direct confrontation. The greatest fear of a “D” is to be taken advantage of, and even despite their possible weaknesses – which include an aversion to routine, a tendency to overstep authority, an argumentative nature, and a habit of taking on too much – they place a high value on time and use their innovative thinking to accomplish difficult tasks and conquer challenges.

**D/I** Curious conclusers who place emphasis on the bottom line and work hard to reach their goals. They are more determined than they are inspirational, yet their high expectations and standards for themselves and those around them typically cause them to make quite an impact, motivating others to follow them. They have an array of interests and can become distracted by taking on too many projects. They often need to focus, prioritize, and simply slow down. Because “D/I”s thrive on activity and forward motion, they like to accomplish tasks through a large number of people.

Joshua ( JOSHUA 1 ), Noah ( GENESIS 6-9 ), Sarah ( GENESIS 16, 1 PETER 3:6 )

**D/S** Achievers with an ability to persevere. They are more active than passive, but they possess a kind of calm sensitivity and steadiness that makes them good leaders. They seem to be people-oriented but can easily be dominant and decisive when it comes to tasks and project planning. They strive to accomplish goals with fierce determination that comes from strong internal drive, but they could benefit from contemplative and conservative thinking as well as spending more time focusing on relationships.

Daniel ( DANIEL 1-6 ), Job ( JOB 1:5, JAMES 5:11 ), Martha ( LUKE 10:38-42 )

**D/C** Challengers that can either be determined students or defiant critics. Being in charge is important to them, yet they care little about what others think as long as they get the job done. They have a great deal of foresight and examine every avenue to find the best solution. They prefer to work alone. Though they fear failure and the lack of influence, they are motivated by challenges and can often be excellent administrators. They can benefit from learning to relax and paying more attention to people.

Malachi ( MALACHI 4 ), Nathan ( 2 SAMUEL 12:1-13 ), Nahum ( NAHUM 1-3 )

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# I: INFLUENCER

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Inspiring and impressive. Enthusiastic, optimistic, impulsive, and emotional – they tend to be creative problem solvers and excellent encouragers. They often have a large number of friends, but they can become more concerned with approval and popularity than with getting results. An “I”’s greatest fear is rejection, but they thrive when it comes to motivating others. Their positive sense of humor helps them negotiate conflicts. Though they can be inattentive to details and poor listeners, they can be great peacemakers and effective teammates when they control their feelings and minimize their urge to entertain and be the center of attention. They value lots of human touch and connection.

**I/D** Persuaders who are outgoing and energetic. They enjoy large groups and use their power of influence to attain respect and convince people to follow their lead. Sometimes they can be viewed as fidgety and nervous, but it comes from their need to be a part of challenges that have variety, freedom, and mobility. “I/D”s could benefit from learning to look before they leap and spending more time being studious and still. They make inspiring leaders and know how to get results from and through people. **John the Baptist** ( LUKE 3 ), **Peter** ( MATTHEW 16 AND 26, ACTS 3 ), **Rebekah** ( GENESIS 24 )

**I/S** Influential counselors who love people, and it’s no surprise that people love them. They live to please and serve, and they tend to be good listeners. Looking good and encouraging others is important to them, as is following through and being obedient. They often lack in the area of organization and can be more concerned with the people involved than they are with the task at hand. However, they can be center stage or behind the scenes with equal effectiveness, and they shine when it comes to influencing and helping others. **Barnabas** ( ACTS 4, 9, 11-15 ), **Elisha** ( 1 KINGS 19, 2 KINGS 2-3 ), **Nicodemus** ( JOHN 3, 7, 19 )

**I/C** Inspiring yet cautious assessors who are excellent communicators through the combination of concerned awareness and appreciation of people. They excel in determining ways to improve production. They tend to be impatient and critical, and they can also be overly persuasive and too consumed by the desire to win. “I/C”s like to work inside the box, and they could benefit from trying new things and caring less about what others think. This personality type often possesses a gift for teaching; they are generally dependable when it comes to paying attention to details and getting the job done. **Miriam** ( EXODUS 15-21 ), **Ezra** ( EZRA 7-8 ), **Shunammite Woman** ( 2 KINGS 4:8-37 )

## S: STEADINESS

Steady and more reserved. They do not like change, and they thrive in secure, non-threatening environments. They are often friendly and understanding as well as good listeners and loyal workers who are happy doing the same job consistently. With an incredible ability to forgive, reliable and dependable “S”s tend to make the best friends. Their greatest fear, however, is loss of security, and their possible weaknesses naturally include not only resistance to change, but also difficulty adjusting to it. They can also be too sensitive to criticism and unable to establish priorities. In order to avoid being taken advantage of, “S”s need to be stronger and learn how to say “no.” They also like to avoid the limelight, but when given an opportunity to genuinely help others, they will gladly rise to the occasion. They feel most valued when they have truly helped someone.

**S/D** Quiet leaders who can be counted on to get the job done. They perform better in small groups and do not enjoy speaking in front of crowds. Though they can be soft- and hard-hearted at the same time, they enjoy close relationships with people, being careful not to dominate them. Challenges motivate them, especially ones that allow them to take a systematic approach. “S/D”s tend to be determined, persevering through time and struggles. They benefit from encouragement and positive relationships.

Martha ( LUKE 10:38-42 ), Job ( JOB 1:5, JAMES 5:11 )

**S/I** Inspirational counselors who exhibit warmth and sensitivity. Tolerant and forgiving, they have many friends because they accept and represent others well. Their social nature and desire to be likable and flexible make them inclined to be overly tolerant and non-confrontational. “S/I”s will benefit from being more task-oriented and paying more attention to detail. Kind and considerate, they include others and inspire people to follow them. Words of affirmation go a long way with this personality type, and with the right motivation, they can be excellent team players. Mary Magdalene

( LUKE 7:36-47 ), Barnabas ( ACTS 4, 9, 11-15 ), Elisha ( 1 KINGS 19, 2 KINGS 2-13 )

**S/C** Diplomatic and steady, as well as detail-oriented. Stable and contemplative, they like to weigh the evidence and discover the facts to come to a logical conclusion. More deliberate, they prefer to take their time, especially when the decision involves others. Possible weaknesses include being highly sensitive and unable to handle criticism, and they also need to be aware of the way they treat others. Operating best in precise and cause-worthy projects, the “S/C” can be a peacemaker; this makes them a loyal team member and friend. Moses ( EXODUS 3, 4, 20, 32 ), John ( JOHN 19:26-27 )

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# C: CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

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Compliant and analytical. Careful and logical lines of thinking drive them forward, and accuracy is a top priority. They hold high standards and value systematic approaches to problem solving. Though they thrive when given opportunities to find solutions, they tend to ignore the feelings of others and can often be critical and downright crabby. Verbalizing feelings is difficult for them, but when they are not bogged down in details and have clear-cut boundaries, they can be big assets to the team by providing calculated “reality checks.” The “C”’s biggest fear is criticism, and their need for perfection is often a weakness, as is their tendency to give in when in the midst of an argument. However, they are thorough in all activities and can bring a conscientious, even-tempered element to the team that will provide solid grounding. They value being correct.

**C/I** Attentive to the details. They tend to impress others by doing things right and stabilizing situations. Not considered aggressive or pushy, they enjoy both large and small crowds. Though they work well with people, they are sometimes too sensitive to what others think about them and their work. They could benefit from being more assertive and self-motivated. Often excellent judges of character, they easily trust those who meet their standards. They are moved by genuine and enthusiastic approval as well as concise and logical explanations. **Miriam** ( EXODUS 15-21, NUMBERS 12:1-15 ), **Ezra** ( EZRA 7, 8 )

**C/S** Systematic and stable. They tend to do one thing at a time—and do it right. Reserved and cautious, they would rather work behind the scenes to stay on track; however, they seldom take risks or try new things and naturally dislike sudden changes in their environments. Precisionists to the letter, they painstakingly require accuracy and fear criticism, which they equate with failure. Diligent workers, their motivation comes from serving others. **Esther** ( ESTHER 4 ), **Zechariah** ( LUKE 1 ), **Joseph** ( MATTHEW 1:1-23 )

**C/D** Cautious and determined designers who are consistently task-oriented and very aware of problems. Sometimes viewed as insensitive, they do care about individual people but have a difficult time showing it. They often feel they are the only ones who can do the job the way it needs to be done, but because of their administrative skills, they are able to bring plans for change and improvements to fruition. “C/D”s have a tendency to be serious and could benefit from being more optimistic and enthusiastic. Despite their natural drive to achieve, they should concentrate on developing healthy relationships and simply loving people. **Bezalel** ( EXODUS 35:30-36:8, 37:1-9 ), **Jochebed** ( EXODUS 1:22-2:4 ), **Jethro** ( EXODUS 2,18 )

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# Developing Your Personality

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Each personality has strengths, and it is important to understand how to balance your natural abilities with the natural abilities of other people. The following information will give you specific areas to focus on as you work with others.

**“D” personalities are dominant, direct, task-oriented, decisive, organized, outgoing, outspoken**

Listen attentively to others

Support other team members

Invest in personal relationships

Balance controlling and domineering tendencies

Value the opinions, feelings and desires of others

**“I” personalities are influential, witty, easygoing, outgoing, people-oriented**

Be aware of tasks that need to be accomplished

Balance your emotions, words and actions

Remember to consider details and facts

Slow down your pace for others when necessary

Listen attentively to others instead of only talking

Choose thoughtful decision-making over impulsive decision-making

**“S” personalities are steady, stable, analytical, introverted, people-oriented**

Take initiative

Practice flexibility

Approach confrontation constructively

Be direct in your interactions when necessary

Understand change can be healthy, and be willing to adapt

Consider overall goals of your family or group,  
not just specific procedures

**“C” personalities are compliant, competent, task-oriented, goal-oriented, introverted**

Be decisive when necessary

Cultivate personal relationships

Be open to others' ideas and methods

Balance your focus between facts and people

Focus on doing the right things, not just doing things right

Respond to helping others accomplish their goals

# Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

For this assessment, we'll be going through a series of statements for you to decide how well it describes you using a scale of 0-3, 0 meaning it "doesn't describe me at all, never" and 3 meaning "consistently and definitely me."

Put the number in the box corresponding with the number for each statement.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57
58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>

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# Your Top 5 Results:

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**Letter**      **Spiritual Gift**

_____	=	_____
_____	=	_____
_____	=	_____
_____	=	_____
_____	=	_____

## Understanding Your Spiritual Gifts

Now that you've identified your primary spiritual gifts, we want to help you use those gifts to live out God's purpose for your life. On the following pages, you will find definitions of each spiritual gift and supporting scriptures that will help you understand more about your gifts.

We believe God has a place for every person in ministry, so you will also find a list of CedarCreek DreamTeams that are a recommended fit for your spiritual gift. These are only recommendations, and by no means are you limited to what is listed with your gift.

## **A. ADMINISTRATION (Organizing)**

God's spirit empowers you to plan, organize tasks, and follow through so that complex projects are completed efficiently and effectively.

LUKE 14:28-30; ACTS 6:1-7; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:28

(All DreamTeams, including: Campus Pastor Admin; NextSteps Team – GrowthTrack Administrator, Groups Administrator; Kids; Students: Central Office; Arts & Production Team)

## **B. APOSTLESHIP (Pioneering)**

God's spirit empowers you to launch new ventures or lead change, confidently moving forward despite uncertainty or risk.

ACTS 15:22-35; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:28; 2 CORINTHIANS 12:12; GALATIANS 2:7-10; EPHESIANS 4:11-14

(NextSteps Team - GrowthTrack, Group Leader; Kids – Small Group Leader; Students – Group Leader)

## **C. CRAFTSMANSHIP (Building)**

God's spirit empowers you to create/build solutions to physical challenges.

EXODUS 31:3-11; 2 CHRONICLES 34:9-13; ACTS 18:2-3

(First Impressions – Facilities; Kids; Students; Arts & Production Team; NextSteps Team - CARS Ministry)

## **D. CREATIVE COMMUNICATION (Communicating)**

God's spirit empowers you to help people see/experience God's truth in fresh ways, through words and/or in a variety of artistic forms.

PSALM 150:3-5; 2 SAMUEL 6:14-15; MARK 4:2, 33

(Arts & Production Team; NextSteps Team – LivingItOut; Kids – Large Program Leader)

## **E. DISCERNMENT (Discerning)**

God's spirit empowers you to distinguish between truth and error, good and evil, and to show good judgment in matters involving character and relationships.

MATTHEW 16:21-23; ACTS 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:10; 1 JOHN 4:1-6

(NextSteps Team - GrowthTrack, Group Leader, Groups Coach, Hub Leader, Prayer; Kids - Small Group Leader; Students - Group Leader; First Impressions Team - Safety)

## **F. ENCOURAGEMENT (Giving courage)**

God's spirit empowers you to affirm, uplift, and restore confidence to individuals who are feeling discouraged or defeated.

ROMANS 12:8; ACTS 11:22-24, 15:30-32

(NextSteps Team - Group Leader, Groups Coach, Prayer, Baptism, Care; Kids; Students; First Impressions Team - Greeter, Guest Services)

## **G. EVANGELISM (Sharing)**

God's spirit empowers you to effectively communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to non-believers so they can respond and begin to grow in their faith.

ACTS 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; EPHESIANS 4:11-14

(NextSteps Team - Outreach, Group Leader, Prayer; Students - Group Leader; Kids - Small Group Leader)

## **H. FAITH (Believing)**

God's spirit empowers you to trust God's will and act on it, including helping others who struggle to believe for themselves to trust God and step into the unknown.

ACTS 11:22-24; ROMANS 4:18-21; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:9; HEBREWS 11

(All DreamTeams)

## **I. GIVING (Contributing)**

God's spirit empowers you to contribute cheerfully, generously, and regularly to the church and other important ministries, causes, and people in need.

MARK 12:41-44; ROMANS 12:8; 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-7, 9:2-7

(Legacy Team; All DreamTeams)

## **J. HELPS (Helping)**

God's spirit empowers you to serve and support in a variety of ways with a "whatever it takes" attitude.

MARK 15:40-41; ACTS 9:36; ROMANS 16:1-2; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:28

(Administration Team; NextSteps Team - GrowthTrack, Baptism, Prayer; First Impressions Team; Kids; Students; Arts & Production Team)

## **K. HOSPITALITY (Welcoming)**

God's spirit empowers you to create warm, welcoming environments for others that help people feel cared for.

ACTS 16:14-15; ROMANS 12:13, 16:23; HEBREWS 13:1-2; 1 PETER 4:9

(First Impressions Team; NextSteps Team - GrowthTrack, Group Leader; Students - Guest Services; Kids - Check-In)

## **L. INTERCESSION (On Behalf of)**

God's spirit empowers you to passionately give voice to prayers for and with others.

HEBREWS 7:25; COLOSSIANS 1:9-12, 4:12-13; JAMES 5:14-16

(NextSteps Team - Prayer, Baptism, Group Leader, Groups Coach, Hub Leader; Kids - Small Group Leader; Students - Group Leader)

## **M. KNOWLEDGE (Learning)**

God's spirit empowers you to gather, analyze, and share information appropriately with others, leading to greater understanding and insight.

ACTS 5:1-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:8; COLOSSIANS 2:2-3

(NextSteps Team - LivingItOut, Prayer, Group Leader, GrowthTrack, Group Leader Training Host; Kids; Students)

**N. LEADERSHIP (Directing)**

God's spirit empowers you to instill vision, motivate, and guide people to work together effectively to achieve worthwhile goals.

ROMANS 12:8; 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13, 5:17; HEBREWS 13:17

(NextSteps Team – Hub Leader, Groups Coach, Group Leader; Students; Kids)

**O. MERCY (Comforting)**

God's spirit empowers you to understand and come alongside people who are troubled or suffering, bringing them comfort, insight, and hope.

MATTHEW 9:35-36; MARK 9:41; ROMANS 12:8; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:14

(First Impressions Team; NextSteps Team – Prayer, Outreach, Group Leader, Care; Kids – Small Group Leader; Students – Group Leader)

**P. PROPHECY (Speaking out)**

God's spirit empowers you to declare God's truth boldly and publicly for the purpose of correction or instruction, at times sharing what God has next.

JOHN 10:1-18; EPHESIANS 4:11-14; 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7; 1 PETER 5:1-3

(NextSteps Team – GrowthTrack Host, Group Leader; Kids – Small Group Leader; Students – Group Leader)

**Q. SHEPHERD/PASTOR (Mentor)**

God's spirit empowers you to guide and support individuals or groups as they grow in their faith and in their capacity for ministry.

JOHN 10:1-18; EPHESIANS 4:11-14; 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7; 1 PETER 5:1-3

(NextSteps Team - GrowthTrack Host, Group Leader, Groups Coach, Hub Leader; Kids – Small Group Leader; Students – Group Leader; First Impressions Team – Greeter, Guest Services)

## **R. TEACHING (Teaching)**

God's spirit empowers you to organize and clearly communicate knowledge and skills to others, and to motivate them to master and apply what they are learning.

ACTS 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:28; EPHESIANS 4:11-14

(NextSteps Team – LivingItOut, Group Leader Training Host, GrowthTrack Host, Group Leader; Kids – Small Group Leader; Students – Group Leader)

## **S. WISDOM (Problem-solving)**

God's spirit empowers you to provide practical advice that leads to timely, effective resolution of problems.

ACTS 6:3, 10; 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-13, 12:8

(All DreamTeams)

## Next steps:

1. Complete personality sections of your purpose statement.
2. Share your results with someone.
3. Pray and ask God to strengthen the gifts inside of you.
4. Attend Week 3 of GrowthTrack.

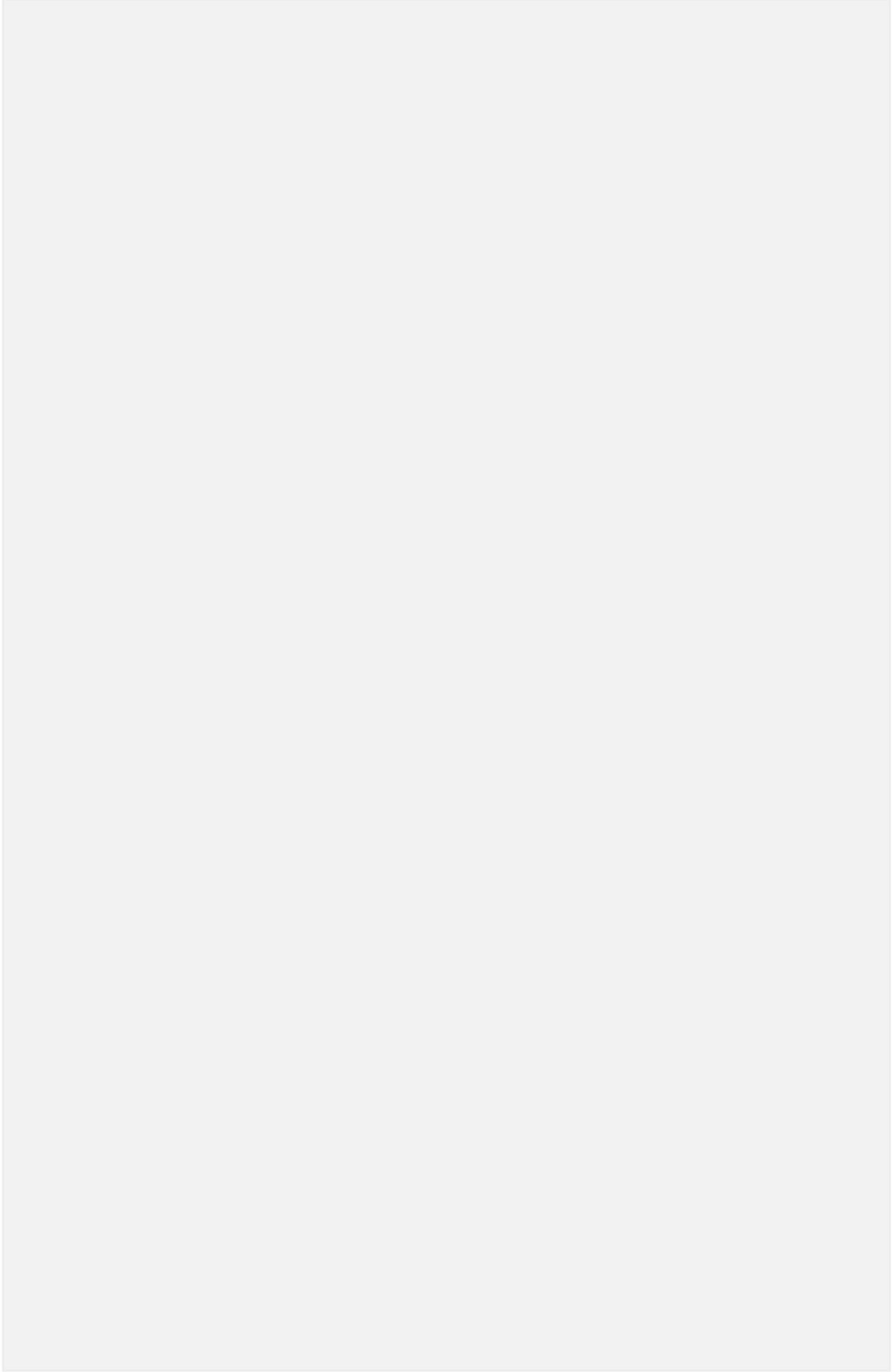


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## Homework:

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- Know your spiritual gifts and learn about them.
- Begin thinking about what you are passionate about.
- Pray this week about the team that complements your personality, highest rated spiritual gift, and availability to serve.



## Week THREE

Discover Purpose: Passion

What really matters

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# Discover Purpose: Passion

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The Christian life is an \_\_\_\_\_ to be explored.

## THE LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE IS TO:

### **Know** \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 17:3

Receiving God's grace and trusting him more every day.

### **Find** \_\_\_\_\_

JAMES 5:16

Engaging in authentic relationships that help us get through what we're going through.

### **Discover** \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

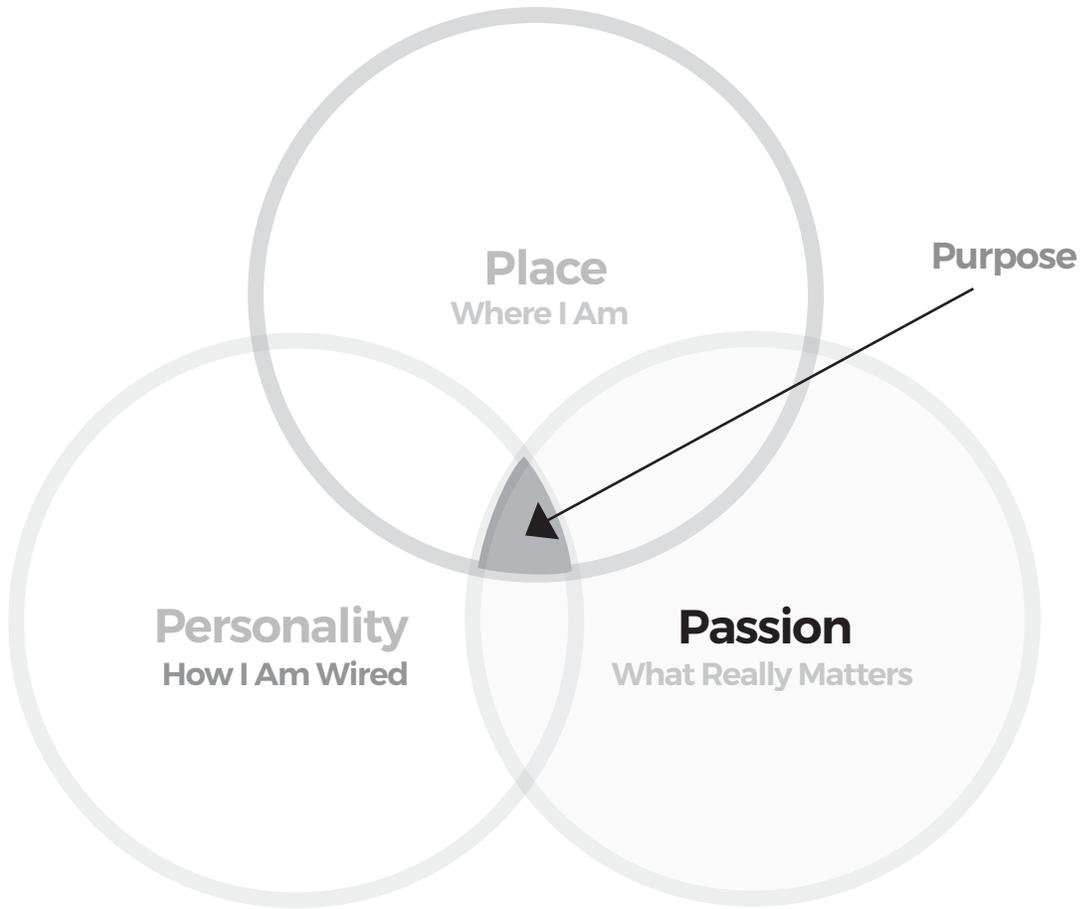
Realizing your personality, passions, and place all have potential with God.

### **Make a** \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

Using the life God has given you to grow his family.

Your purpose is made up of 3 parts:



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“ Passion is a \_\_\_\_\_, barely controllable \_\_\_\_\_.”

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**What are you passionate about?** Write it down!

God loves \_\_\_\_\_ many of the things that you love  
to \_\_\_\_\_ in someone's life.

Spiritual vision begins to take clearer shape when  
we \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

The Latin root word for passion is to \_\_\_\_\_.

A purposeful passion is when you are willing to  
\_\_\_\_\_ when it may be more comfortable  
to stop.

Most passions are not something you discover;  
they are something that is \_\_\_\_\_ over time.

On a spiritual level, we need to ask,

**“God, what \_\_\_\_\_ you?”**

LUKE 15:7 (NLT)

In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

**God is passionate about:**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ and when they are \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 3:16 (NLT)

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

2. Including you and \_\_\_\_\_ in the story he is writing

3. A life-giving church

## A life-giving church cares about the things God cares about:

### GREAT COMMANDMENT

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

### GREAT COMMISSION

MATTHEW 28:19-20

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

#### AT CEDARCREEK:

**Our mission:** To introduce people to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with him.

**Life-changing adventure:** Know God  
Find Freedom  
Discover Purpose  
Make a Difference

**Vision:** A movement of people who develop people and share Jesus as the transformative hope of the world.

**We are on mission with God. We use our lives to make an eternal difference in others' lives.**

## How do we grow our passion for the things God is passionate about?

\_\_\_\_\_ weekend services regularly.

\_\_\_\_\_ others to join you.

Move from a consumer to a \_\_\_\_\_:

Give \_\_\_\_\_.

Give your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to help create safe environments.

Give your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ back to God.

## Next steps:

**1. Complete the passions section of your purpose statement.**

**2. Lead a Group.**

Let God take what you are passionate about and use it to make a difference in someone else's life.

Attend Group Leader Training, offered every fourth weekend of the month as well as the three weekends leading up to each Group Semester.

**3. Join a Group.**

Check out the available Groups at [CedarCreek.tv/groups](http://CedarCreek.tv/groups).

**4. Attend Week 4 of GrowthTrack.**

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## Resources:

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- Download our app at [CedarCreek.tv/app](http://CedarCreek.tv/app).
- You can also access our Groups Directory through our app, under NextSteps.

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# GROUPS

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## Four things you should know about Groups:

### 1. Our Groups are as varied as we are.

Group Leaders are free to use their gifts and interests to determine when and where their Group meets and what they meet about. This could be anything from playing soccer, enjoying coffee or studying the Bible together.

### 2. We have three semesters every year.

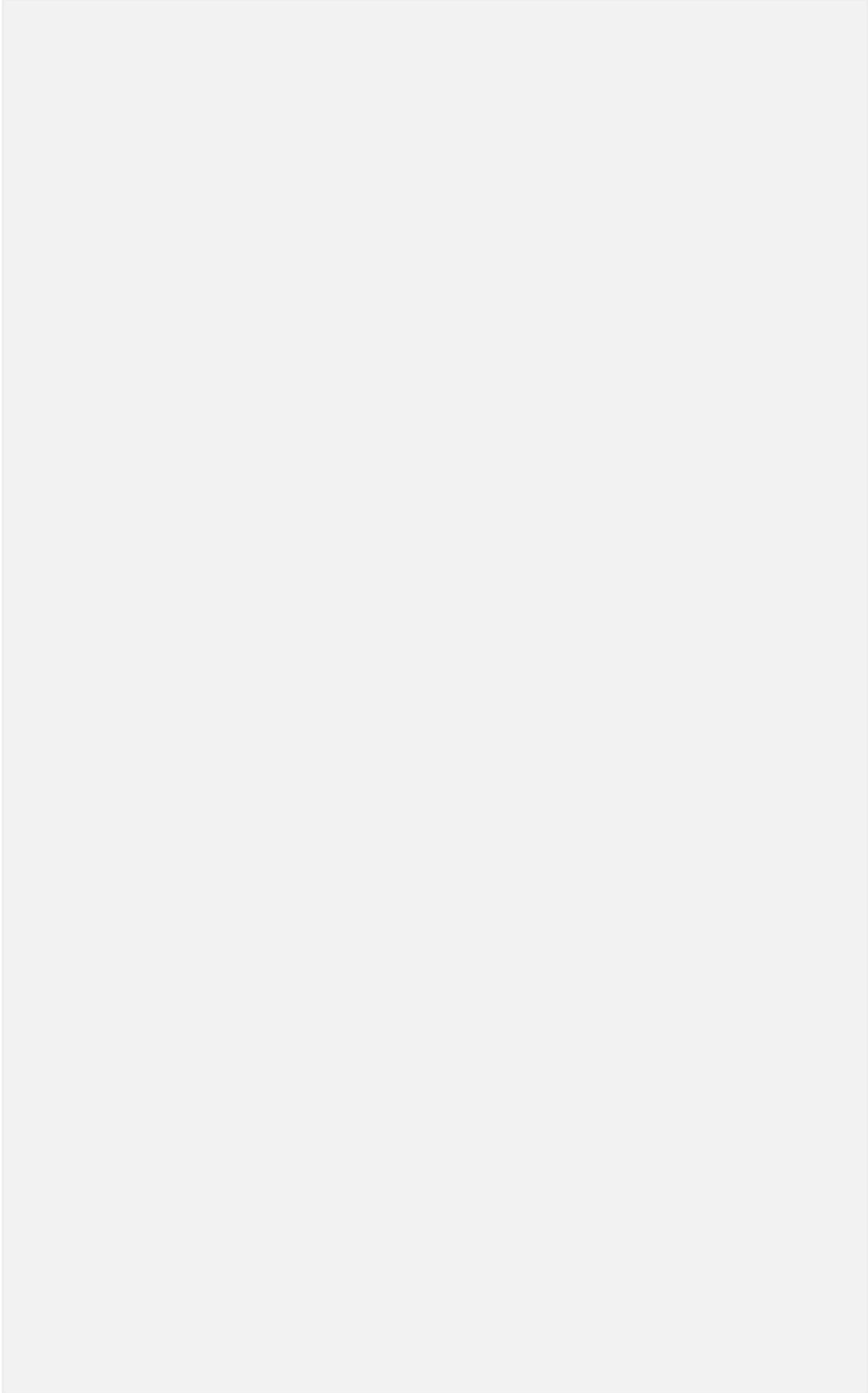
Life flows in seasons, and we want to make it easy for you to be in the right Group for you in each season. This is why we have new Groups that start and stop three times a year in what we refer to as “semesters.” Our Group semesters are winter/spring (January-April), summer (June-July) and fall (September-December).

### 3. You can join a Group.

We would love for you to get connected in a Group. To find the right Group for you, simply visit [CedarCreek.tv/groups](http://CedarCreek.tv/groups) to search our online directory of Groups or visit Guest Services at your Campus. Once you find a few Groups that interest you, contact the leaders to learn more and make plans to check it out in person.

### 4. You can lead a Group.

We believe everyone has areas of strength and gifting that can benefit others, and leading a Group is a great way to make meaningful connections. You can do what you love and allow God to use it for his purposes. The first step toward becoming a Group Leader is to attend the Group Leader Training offered every 4th Sunday of the month. The training is offered throughout the year to give you an overview of how simple it is to start a Group. You'll discover that it's easier than you think.



## Week FOUR

Discover Purpose: Place  
Where I Am

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# Discover Purpose: Place

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The Christian life is an adventure to be explored.

## Know \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 17:3

Receiving God's grace and trusting him more every day.

## Find \_\_\_\_\_

JAMES 5:16

Engaging in authentic relationships that help us get through what we're going through.

## Discover \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

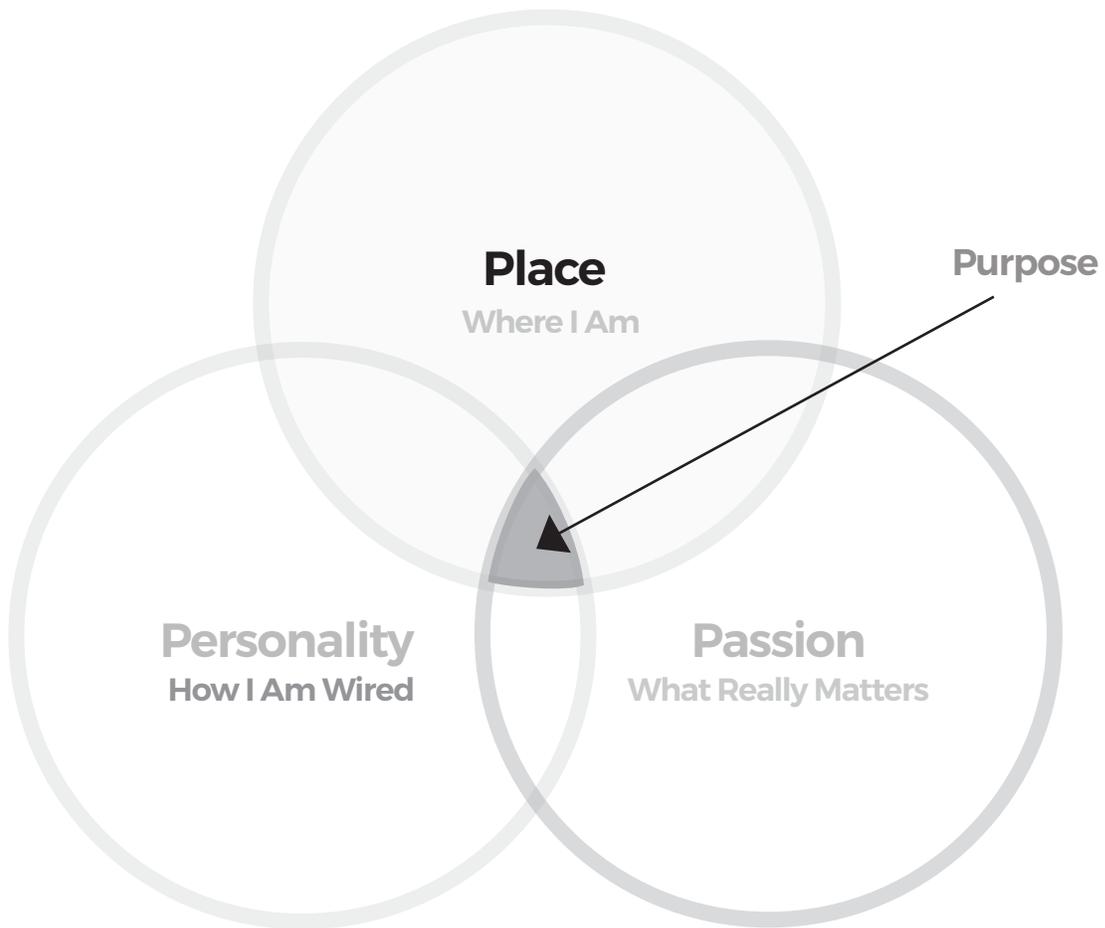
Realizing your personality, passions, and place all have potential with God.

## Make a \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 4:10

Using the life God has given you to grow his family.

Your purpose is made up of 3 parts:



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# Place: Principle

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Place is where you are now.

ACTS 1:8 (NLT) EMPHASIS ADDED

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. **And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**

Three things to see:

1. Jesus says, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

He gave you a place in history.

2. Jesus says, “You will be my \_\_\_\_\_.”

He gave you a place in his story!

3. Jesus gives you a \_\_\_\_\_.

JOHN 4:34 (NLT)

Then Jesus explained: **“My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.”**

# Practically: Where is your place right now?

Know your place in history:        /        /         
Month Day Year

## Know your place in his story.

- Be ready to share your 2-minute answer to how God has changed your life.
  1. When did Jesus become more than a name to you?
  2. What was the turning point?
  3. How has he changed your life since?

This is your life change story! Be ready to share it.

## Know your place to start.

- A life-giving church
- The places you spend time: work, school, neighborhood, etc.
- The people you spend time with: family, friends, coworkers, etc.

Step into these places and relationships intentionally, with purpose.

# Next steps:

To take your first steps toward becoming a part of the DreamTeam:

1. Complete the place section of your purpose statement.
2. Team Meeting—Today!  
Attend a team meeting today in the ministry area of your choice to learn how to get involved.
3. Application  
Complete the application (if needed) for your ministry area and submit it to a ministry leader during your orientation session.
4. Conversation  
Participate in a one-on-one conversation within the first few weeks of serving with one of our team members to make a personal connection to the team.
5. Start Serving  
Join a DreamTeam to continue discovering your purpose and the dream God has put in you.
6. Invite  
Invite others on the journey to see how God has a purpose for their life that makes an eternal difference. You can do that through extending invites to the weekend service, to a Group, or to GrowthTrack.



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**“ It’s your turn to step in and use the personality God has given you, the place God has you, and the passion and dreams he has placed in your heart to grow his family and to make a difference, for today and all eternity. ”**

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# CedarCreek DreamTeam Descriptions

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Joining the CedarCreek DreamTeam is just one way you can begin to make a difference. This list of opportunities is not exhaustive, but it does provide a detailed overview of serving opportunities available during the weekend services as well as during the week. As you think about where you might want to serve, be sure to consider what fits with your schedule and life.

All DreamTeam members will have the opportunity to connect with their Ministry Team to discuss role requirements and any questions you may have.

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**Administration Team** – This team is passionate about using their gifts of administration and organization to promote efficiency and excellence at CedarCreek. They serve the church in areas such as logistics, data entry, mailer and sign preparation, and more. Administrative opportunities are available in practically all ministry areas and are Campus specific. For more information, please see your Campus staff team. (Weekend and flexible weekday opportunities)

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**Arts & Production Team** – This team exists to create an excellent, distraction-free environment that allows guests to engage with biblical teaching and worship God.

**Social Media** – This team uses creativity on digital platforms and at events to reach thousands by delivering inspiring and engaging content through storytelling, photography, videography, planning, and posting. (Week and weekend opportunities)

**Green Room Hospitality Team** – This team serves by preparing meals for those on the Arts and Production teams during the weekend services. (Weekend opportunity)

**Online Chat Moderator** – Chat moderators engage with guests during the CedarCreek weekend service on our web and social media platforms (i.e., CedarCreek.tv, Facebook, YouTube, etc.) to cultivate a welcoming space for people to take their next steps in their life-changing adventure through the weekend experience. (Weekend opportunity, online only)

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**Music** – This team serves the church with their gifts by leading attenders in music and worship. (Auditions are required along with a midweek rehearsal.)

**Lead Vocal** – A lead vocalist is responsible for performing songs at a high level of excellence, must be able to replicate the character and meaning of songs with precision, and must have a great storytelling stage presence.

**Background Vocal Melody** – A background vocalist is responsible for memorizing all lyrics and the melody to each song, learning the original vocal phrasing, and being flexible to adjust to live vocalists' phrasing. This role requires continual pursuit of vocal ability growth.

**Background Vocal Harmony** – Background vocal harmony is responsible for memorizing all lyrics, learning the melody and harmony to each song, learning the original vocal phrasing, and being flexible to adjust to live vocalists' phrasing. This role requires continual pursuit of vocal ability growth.

**Drums** – A drummer is responsible for locking in with the bassist and click track, paying attention to kick/snare patterns, “communicating” transitions with appropriate fills, and learning any unique drum patterns in the song. The drummer is also responsible for running tracks and needs to have a basic understanding of Ableton.

**Keys** – A keys player is responsible in the worship context for keeping things simple and avoiding overplaying, especially with the left hand. Familiarize yourself with the Mainstage application and how to play with sounds other than piano (pad, organ, Rhodes, synth, etc.).

**Electric Rhythm Guitar** – A rhythm guitarist is responsible for having a good knowledge of chords and rhythms, being able to lock in with the bass and drums (the rhythm section), playing secondary lead parts when necessary, and recreating the feel/character of the original song's rhythm guitar part.

**Electric Lead Guitar** – A lead guitarist is responsible for having a good knowledge of chord inversions and scales and being able to play the hook or main riff of the songs while not overplaying.

**Acoustic Guitar** – An acoustic guitarist is responsible for having a good knowledge of chords and rhythms, of how to lock in with the bass and drums (the rhythm section), of acoustic guitar techniques (strumming, finger picking, chord arpeggiating, etc.), and of how to use a capo and play in different chord shapes.

**Bass Guitar** – A bass guitarist is responsible for locking in with the drummer and click track, paying attention to kick-snare patterns, and learning any unique bass patterns in the song.

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**Production** - This team serves the church and the weekend experience through technology.

**Camera Operator** - A camera operator is responsible for operating a video camera and maintaining composition and camera angles based on our standards throughout the weekend services.

**Sound tech** - The sound tech manages all aspects of audio, including the house mix, stereo in ear monitor mixes for the band, and the mixes for the lobbies and video room.

**Video Director** - The video director oversees the on-screen experience in the auditorium and oversees the camera and computer volunteers.

**Computer Operator** - The computer operator is responsible for cueing slides, videos, and other visual media.

**Backstage Assistant/Stagehand** - A backstage assistant helps facilitate stage traffic and onstage transitions, as well as managing stage equipment and props.

**Lighting Technician** - The lighting tech is responsible for operating the lighting console and controlling and cueing all stage and auditorium lighting.

**Producer** - The producer ties together music and the production to ensure everyone is working together. The producer is an advocate for the guest and helps to make the experience as excellent as possible while looking at service elements through the lens of a guest perspective.

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**CedarCreek Kids** - This team exists to introduce kids to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with him. We do this best when we create a safe and fun environment where kids and families feel known, cared for, and connected. This team intentionally invests in the lives of children and families by providing a welcoming check-in experience, excellent care of babies and toddlers, authentic small group conversations, engaging large programs with biblical teaching, and more! Babies-4th Grade. (All positions require a background check.)

**Babies Leader** - You create a safe and nurturing environment, helping parents feel great about leaving their child in our care, as you rock, snuggle, read, and play with their little one during the service. You have the privilege of building relationships with children and families! (Weekend opportunity)

**Check-In Leader** - Your personal interactions with new and returning families as you assist with check-in set the tone for an excellent weekend experience. (Weekend opportunity)

**Environment Leader** - You help ensure the hour in CedarVille is run with excellence by maintaining the space, snack, supplies, children's needs, and

other ministry details while providing helpful support to all leaders. (Weekend opportunity)

**Large Group Leader** – You lead the Large Program experience, presenting the lesson and application in a creative and engaging way to capture the attention of children and make a lasting impression. (This is a talent-based position. Auditions may be required.) (Weekend opportunity)

**Group Leader** – You create safe, fun, and nurturing environments to connect relationally with a small group of kids in order to lay a foundation of faith and to help kids take next steps. (Weekend opportunity)

**Special Friend** – You provide excellent care and assistance to a child with special needs by giving him/her individual attention throughout the service and providing alternatives to curriculum when necessary. (Weekend opportunity)

**Toddler Leader** – You create a safe, fun, and nurturing environment, helping parents and their toddler feel great about spending an hour with us. As you read and play, you have the privilege of laying a foundation of faith and building relationships with children and families. (Weekend opportunity)

**Worship Leader** – You create a fun, energetic, and engaging environment for children to experience and worship Jesus. (This is a talent-based position. Auditions may be required.) (Weekend opportunity)

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**CedarCreek Students** – This team serves 5th-12th grade students every week by creating an environment where students are introduced to Jesus and the life-changing adventure with him. We do this by providing an irresistible, fun environment; consistent Group experiences that challenge students to take their next steps; leadership development opportunities; and dedicated leaders who invest in the lives of students inside and outside of church.

**Groups Coach** (Middle School and High School) - The Groups Coach mentors, advises, and assists the Group Leaders to ensure they are equipped to lead well. The Groups Coach also helps recruit new leaders. (Weekend and weekday opportunities)

**Group Leader** (Middle School and High School) - Each Group Leader is key in shaping the spiritual and social bonds that connect students in smaller Groups. Ideally, two adults lead each Group of students to build trusted relationships and celebrate spiritual growth. These friendships extend beyond Wednesday nights! Through events, outings, and frequent communication, Group Leaders and students form an intimate community where trust is central. The Group experience is the cornerstone of CedarCreek Students. (Weekend and Wednesday night opportunities)

**Guest Services Team** (Middle School and High School) – You are the face of the ministry to students and parents. The Guest Services team helps create an irresistible environment for students during weekend services (middle school only), and our Wednesday Night Student Experiences. The Guest Service team consists of multiple teams: Check-in/Host Team, Set-up/Reset Team, Production Team, Food Team, as well as Administrative positions as needed. (Weekend and Wednesday opportunities)

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**First Impressions Team** – This team tangibly demonstrates the love of Jesus and that each guest matters to God and to us by providing a friendly, welcoming, and safe environment from the time they pull into the parking lot until they begin their drive home.

**Hospitality Team** – This team is passionate about serving in practical ways and uses their gifts to prepare and serve coffee and other beverages, as well as other hospitality weekend experiences for our guests. (Weekend opportunity)

**Events Team** – This team is passionate about serving in practical ways and helps host special events by serving guests with food and creating an environment of excellence. (Weekend and weekday opportunities)

**Facilities** – This team is passionate about serving in practical ways and works behind the scenes to maintain a spirit of excellence in our facilities for the weekend services, making sure they are clean, presentable, and functioning properly. Serving opportunities also include preparing facilities for baptism, conferences, and special events. (Weekday opportunities)

**Greeter/Usher Team** – This team loves people and makes them feel welcome at CedarCreek. They open doors with a smile and greet guests as they come in the building. They also provide weekend service notes for each guest, assist with finding a seat if needed, and provide our guests with a positive, distraction-free atmosphere, allowing them to worship and hear the message of Jesus. (Weekend opportunity)

**Guest Services** – This team uses their gifts in the Guest Services area in the lobby, providing connection first and then information and resources that will help guests take their next steps in their relationships with Christ. (Weekend opportunity)

**Lobby Hosts** – This team exemplifies CedarCreek’s value that every person matters through engaging in conversation with people in the common areas and the auditorium, helping to make CedarCreek a friendly, welcoming place. (Weekend opportunity; Campus specific)

**Medical Team** – This team consists of licensed healthcare providers (nurses or doctors) who care for guests by offering basic medical attention to our guests in the event of an accident or injury at CedarCreek. (Weekend opportunity)

**Outdoor Greeter/Parking Lot** – This team is the guest's first impression of CedarCreek. They manage the flow of the parking lot for services and events, making parking easy and efficient. (Weekend opportunity)

**Safety Team** - This team helps provide a safe environment for the kids, students, and guests. (Weekend and weekday opportunities; requires background check, training, and additional screening)

**Sparkle Team** – This team is passionate about serving in practical ways and works behind the scenes to maintain a spirit of excellence in our facilities for the weekend services and special events, making sure they are clean and presentable. (Weekend opportunities)

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**Legacy Team** – This team is passionate about using their gift of giving to build God's Kingdom locally, nationally, and internationally through the local church. Legacy Team members see the vision God has and want to continue to see the church share the love of Jesus with as many people as possible. To hear more about how giving is making a difference or about the Legacy Team, see your Campus staff team. (Weekend and weekday opportunity)

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**NextSteps Team** – This team assists our guests in taking their next steps on the spiritual journey, whatever that step may be. From helping with baptism to training up leaders, the NextSteps Team offers a variety of opportunities.

**Baptism Team** – This team hosts those guests who have chosen to take the next step of baptism. Responsibilities include setting up and tearing down baptism tubs and assisting guests through the process, from offering support and encouragement all the way down to dry towels. (Weekend opportunity)

**Group Leader** – You have a passion for connecting with others and helping them take their next step in the spiritual journey. You are responsible for hosting a Group, providing a space for people to find freedom in meaningful community through authentic relationships. You form your Group around topics or activities you enjoy. Each week throughout the semester, you offer Encouragement, Scripture, Prayer, and a Next Step (ESPN) for your Group members. (Group Leader Training is required for this role.) (Flexible opportunity)

**Hub Leader** – You have a passion for leadership development and enjoy investing in the lives of others. You are responsible for providing support and encouragement for the Groups Coaches assigned to you. You pray daily for them as you get to know them and invest in developing them spiritually. You also serve as a communication link between the CedarCreek staff and the Groups Coaches. (Flexible opportunity)

**Groups Coach** – You have a passion for seeing others reach their full potential by intentionally investing in their lives. You are responsible for providing support and encouragement for the Group Leaders assigned to you. You pray daily for them as you get to know them and invest in developing them spiritually. You also serve as a communication link between the Hub Leader and the Group Leaders. (Flexible opportunity)

**GrowthTrack Administrator** – You have a passion to help guests take their next steps in practical ways. You are responsible for assisting the GrowthTrack Host by greeting and checking in guests as they arrive as well as operating the technology to keep the session running smoothly. (Weekend opportunity)

**GrowthTrack Host** – You have a passion for helping people take their next step and have a strong grasp of the four steps of the spiritual journey: Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Your Purpose, and Make a Difference. You are responsible for hosting the GrowthTrack weekend experience, facilitating discussion and answering questions guests have about the spiritual journey. (Weekend opportunity)

**LivingItOut Team** – This team is passionate about using their creative communication skills to help people know God through the weekly LivingItOut Bible Study (LIO). The LIO is a Monday through Friday study that correlates with the weekend message. Opportunities with this team include writing, editing, and proofing the study each week. (Weekday opportunity)

**Prayer Team** – This team compassionately intercedes through prayer for our guests, ministries, staff, and church leadership. (Weekend and weekday opportunity)



## Appendix

## How to take the Personality Assessment

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**Step 1** Answer each question under sections 1-5 by circling the number that best describes you. Allow yourself two to three minutes to complete this step before moving on to the other steps.

**Step 2** Add the total of circled numbers for the five statements under each section. Write each total on the indicated total line for each section.

**Step 3** Identify the group with the highest totaled number and the second highest totaled number to discover your dominant personality traits.

Box 1 = "D" personality

Box 2 = "I" personality

Box 3 = "S" personality

Box 4 = "C" personality

Write your predominant personality traits sequence in the top righthand corner (DI, ID, SC, CD, etc.).

**Step 4** Read the description of your most predominant personality trait (D, I, S, C) and the description of your two highest personality traits together (DI, ID, SC, CD, etc.).

## How to take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment

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**Step 1** Respond to the spiritual gifts statements on pages 63-68 by writing the number that indicates how each statement describes you in the blanks on page 27:

- 0—Never
- 1—Rarely
- 2—Sometimes
- 3—Almost always

Allow yourself 10 minutes to answer all questions

**Step 2** Add each column on the page, top to bottom, and place the totaled number in the total section.

**Step 3** Identify your five highest totaled numbers with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents (listed on the pages following the assessment).

**Step 4** Read about your gifts.

Connect with a DreamTeam that complements your personality, highest rated spiritual gifts, and availability to serve.

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## Spiritual Gifts Assessment Statements:

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1. I like to organize people, tasks, and events.
2. I would like to start churches in places where they do not presently exist.
3. I enjoy working creatively with wood, cloth, paints, metal, glass, or other materials.
4. I enjoy challenging people's perspective of God by using various forms of art.
5. I can readily distinguish between spiritual truth and error, good and evil.
6. I tend to see the potential in people.
7. I communicate the gospel to others with clarity and effectiveness.
8. I find it natural and easy to trust God to answer my prayers.
9. I give liberally and joyfully to people in financial need or to projects requiring support.
10. I enjoy working behind the scenes to support the work of others.
11. I view my home as a place to minister to people in need.
12. I take prayer requests from others and consistently pray for them.
13. I am approached by people who want to know my perspective on a particular passage or biblical truth.
14. I am able to motivate others to accomplish a goal.
15. I empathize with hurting people and desire to help them in the healing process.
16. I can speak in a way that results in conviction and change in the lives of others.
17. I enjoy spending time nurturing and caring for others.
18. I am able to communicate God's word effectively.
19. I am often sought out by others for advice about spiritual or personal matters.

20. I am careful, thorough, and skilled at managing details.
21. I am attracted to the idea of serving in another country or ethnic community.
22. I am skilled in working with different kinds of tools.
23. I enjoy developing and using my artistic skills (art, drama, music, photography, etc.).
24. I frequently am able to judge a person's character based upon first impressions.
25. I enjoy reassuring and strengthening those who are discouraged.
26. I consistently look for opportunities to build relationships with non-Christians.
27. I have confidence in God's continuing provision and help, even in difficult times.
28. I give more than a tithe so that Kingdom work can be accomplished.
29. I enjoy doing routine tasks that support the ministry.
30. I enjoy meeting new people and helping them to feel welcomed.
31. I enjoy praying for long periods of time and receive leadings as to what God wants me to pray for.
32. I receive information from the Spirit that I did not acquire through natural means.
33. I am able to influence others to achieve a vision.
34. I can patiently support those going through painful experiences as they try to stabilize their lives.
35. I feel responsible to confront others with the truth.
36. I have compassion for wandering believers and want to protect them.
37. I can spend time in study knowing that presenting truth will make a difference in the lives of people.
38. I can often find simple, practical solutions in the midst of conflict or confusion.
39. I can clarify goals and develop strategies or plans to accomplish them.

40. I am willing to take an active part in starting a new church.
41. I enjoy making things for use in ministry.
42. I help people understand themselves, their relationships, and God better through artistic expression.
43. I can see through phoniness or deceit before it is evident to others.
44. I give hope to others by directing them to the promises of God.
45. I am effective at adapting the gospel message so that it connects with an individual's felt need.
46. I believe that God will help me to accomplish great things.
47. I manage my money well in order to free more of it for giving.
48. I willingly take on a variety of odd jobs around the church to meet the needs of others.
49. I genuinely believe the Lord directs strangers to me who need to get connected to others.
50. I am conscious of ministering to others as I pray.
51. I am committed to and schedule blocks of time for reading and studying Scripture to understand biblical truth fully and accurately.
52. I can adjust my leadership style to bring out the best in others.
53. I enjoy helping people sometimes regarded as undeserving or beyond help.
54. I boldly expose cultural trends, teachings, or events, which contradict biblical principles.
55. I like to provide guidance for the whole person—relationally, emotionally, spiritually, etc.
56. I pay close attention to the words, phrases, and meaning of those who teach.
57. I can easily select the most effective course of action from among several alternatives.
58. I can identify and effectively use the resources needed to accomplish tasks.
59. I can adapt well to different cultures and surroundings.

60. I can visualize how something should be constructed before I build it.
61. I like finding new and fresh ways of communicating God's truth.
62. I tend to see rightness or wrongness in situations.
63. I reassure those who need to take courageous action in their faith, family, or life.
64. I invite those who do not currently follow Christ to accept Christ as their Savior.
65. I trust God in circumstances where success cannot be guaranteed by human effort alone.
66. I try to limit my lifestyle in order to give away a higher percentage of my income.
67. I see spiritual significance in doing practical tasks.
68. I like to create a place where people do not feel that they are alone.
69. I pray with confidence because I know that God works in response to prayer.
70. I have insight or just know something to be true.
71. I set goals and manage people and resources effectively to accomplish them.
72. I have great compassion for hurting people.
73. I see most actions as right or wrong, and feel the need to correct the wrong.
74. I can faithfully provide long-term support and concern for others.
75. I like to take a systematic approach to my study of the Bible.
76. I can anticipate the likely consequences of an individual's or a group's action.
77. I like to help organizations or groups become more efficient.
78. I can relate to others in culturally sensitive ways.
79. I honor God with my handcrafted gifts.
80. I apply various artistic expressions to communicate God's truth.
81. I receive affirmation from others concerning the reliability of my insights or perceptions.
82. I strengthen those who are wavering in their faith.

83. I openly tell people that I am a Christ follower and want them to ask me about my faith.
84. I am convinced of God's daily presence and action in my life.
85. I like knowing that my financial support makes a real difference in the lives and ministries of God's people.
86. I like to find small things that need to be done and often do them without being asked.
87. I enjoy entertaining people and opening my home to others.
88. When I hear about needy situations, I feel burdened to pray.
89. I have suddenly known some things about others, but did not know how I knew them.
90. I influence others to perform to the best of their capability.
91. I can look beyond a person's handicaps or problems to see a life that matters to God.
92. I like people who are honest and will speak the truth.
93. I enjoy giving guidance and practical support to a small group of people.
94. I can communicate Scripture in ways that motivate others to study and to want to learn more.
95. I give practical advice to help others through complicated situations.

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Your life-changing adventure is to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, and Make a Difference throughout your lifetime. When you are on that journey, you can live God's ultimate purpose for your life, which is to share his love and make an eternal difference in the life of another person.

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## Spiritual Gifts: In one sentence

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<b>A</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b> Arranges people and tasks in their proper places
<b>B</b>	<b>APOSTLESHIP</b> Initiates new things that make a difference
<b>C</b>	<b>CRAFTSMANSHIP</b> Creates/builds solutions to physical challenges
<b>D</b>	<b>CREATIVE COMMUNICATION</b> Helps people see/experience familiar things in fresh ways
<b>E</b>	<b>DISCERNMENT</b> Has an intuitive sensitivity to deception and motives
<b>F</b>	<b>ENCOURAGEMENT</b> Affirms the value and ability of others
<b>G</b>	<b>EVANGELISM</b> Passionate about helping others take their first steps of faith
<b>H</b>	<b>FAITH</b> Believes for others who struggle to believe for themselves
<b>I</b>	<b>GIVING</b> Leverages earthly resources to accelerate Kingdom vision
<b>J</b>	<b>HELPS</b> Serves and supports with a “whatever it takes” attitude
<b>K</b>	<b>HOSPITALITY</b> Creates environments that help people feel cared for
<b>L</b>	<b>INTERCESSION</b> Has passion to give voice to prayers for and with others
<b>M</b>	<b>KNOWLEDGE</b> Finds clarity in the complex
<b>N</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP</b> Influences people to move from here to there
<b>O</b>	<b>MERCY</b> Empathetically connects with hurting hearts
<b>P</b>	<b>PROPHECY</b> Boldly speaks the truth to others, at times sharing what God has next
<b>Q</b>	<b>SHEPHERD/PASTOR</b> Caringly guides people in life change
<b>R</b>	<b>TEACHING</b> Communicates principles in a way that catalyzes growth
<b>S</b>	<b>WISDOM</b> Provides practical solutions to life situations

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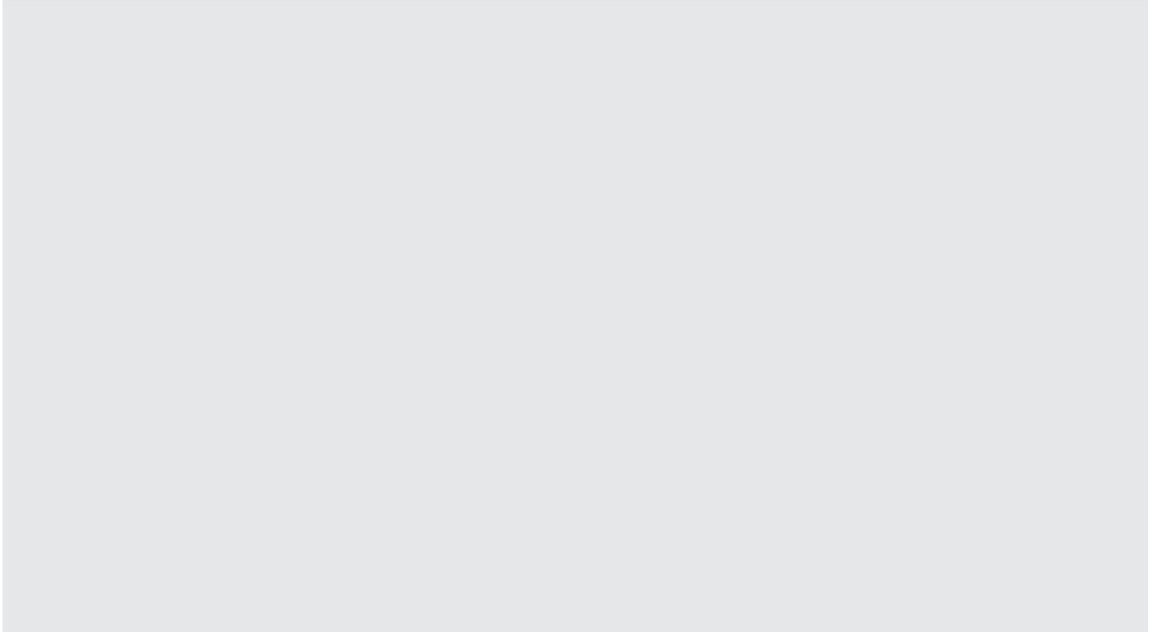
# Your Story: Write and Reflect

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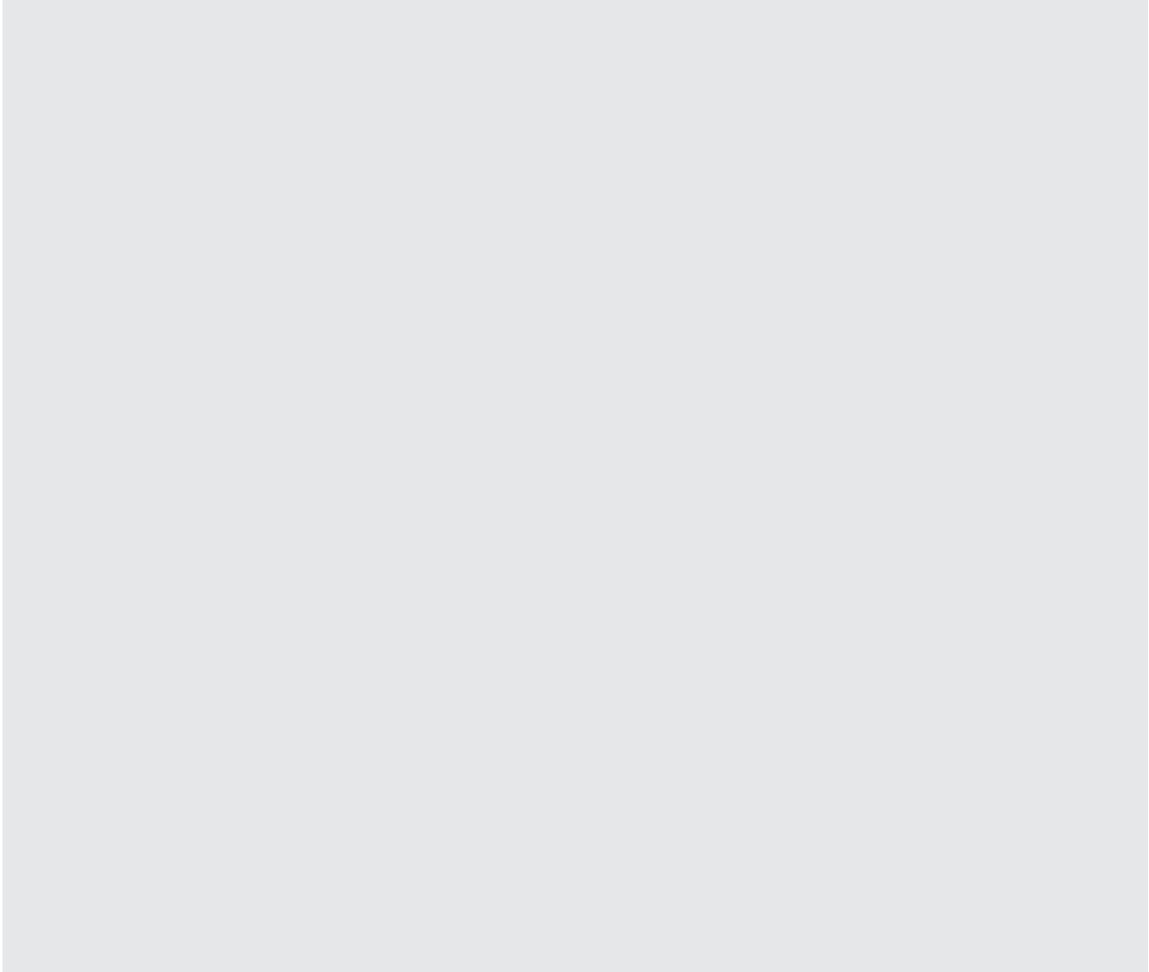
**What are the defining moments in your life?**

**What are some of your life's key turning points?**

**When did Jesus become more than just a name to you?**



**What influences brought you to where you are today,  
and what passions came as a result of those influences?**



## Answer Key

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### WEEK 1

- Page 7** When we can't see what God is doing, we **miss** the purpose he has for us.
- We believe the Christian life is an **adventure** to be explored and lived.
- Our hope is to be your guide, helping you:  
**See** the adventure  
**Know** where you are on the adventure  
**Bring** clarity to your next steps
- Page 8** Know **God**  
 Find **Freedom**  
 Discover **Purpose**  
 Make a **Difference**
- Page 9**
- **Religious** View  
 God is your boss and your purpose is to try hard to make him happy.
  - **Rebellious** View  
 God is a problem—he is unnecessary, and your purpose is to take control of your life.
  - **Trusting** View  
 God is powerful and personal. Your purpose is found in trusting who God is and who he says we are.
- Page 10** A purpose is **given** to you; it's not something you create.
- Page 11** Passion and Place = **not natural**  
 Personality and Place = **not meaningful**  
 Personality and Passion = **not actionable**

### WEEK 2

- Page 17** Know **God**  
 Find **Freedom**  
 Discover **Purpose**  
 Make a **Difference**
- Page 19** God purposefully **created** you.  
 God uniquely **gifted** you.  
 Your past is full of **potential**.  
 You are **precious** to God.

- WEEK 3**
- Page 37** The Christian life is an **adventure** to be explored.  
 Know **God**  
 Find **Freedom**  
 Discover **Purpose**  
 Make a **Difference**
- Page 38** “Passion is a **strong**, barely controllable **emotion**.”
- Page 39** God loves **using** many of the things that you love to **make a difference** in someone’s life.  
 Spiritual vision begins to take clearer shape when we **offer our passions** to God.  
 The Latin root word for passion is to **suffer**.  
 Most passions are not something you discover; they are something that is **developed** over time.
- Page 40** “God, what **excites** you?”  
 God is passionate about the **lost** and about when they are **found**.  
 He is passionate about including you and **me** in the story he is writing.
- Page 42** **Attend** weekend services regularly.  
**Invite** others to join you.  
 Move from a consumer to a **contributor**:
- Give **financially**.
  - Give your **time** and **energy** to help create safe environments.
  - Give your **personality** and **passions** back to God.
- WEEK 4**
- Page 47** Know **God**  
 Find **Freedom**  
 Discover **Purpose**  
 Make a **Difference**
- Page 49** Jesus says, “**It’s your turn**.”  
 Jesus says, “You will be my **witnesses**.”  
 Jesus gives you a **place to start**.
- Page 50** Know your **place** in history.  
 Know your **place** in his story.  
 Know your **place** to start.