

Life Group HOST Guide		5 Unchanging Purposes of a Life Group
Week	November 24-30, 2019	
Sermon Title	GRATEFUL	
Series	SHAPE	
Text	Philippians 1:3-12, Romans 8:28	
		1. Worship
		2. Ministry
		3. Evangelism
		4. Fellowship
		5. Discipleship

Fellowship: (15 Minutes)

1. Ice Breaker - The Life Group Host (LGH) will facilitate a game to relieve everybody from the stress of life.
2. Welcome - The LGH will welcome the New Guests/Members (if there's any)

Ministry (Ministering to each other): (15 Minutes)

3. Care - The LGH will give a chance to those who wants to share their ups & downs for the week.
4. Opening Prayer - (The LGH will say a short opening prayer to include in prayer the circumstances of those who shared.)

Worship: (10 Minutes)

- Sing the following songs: (If no one in the group are capable of playing the guitar or piano, use uTube MTV karaoke.)
 - **Grateful** by: Elevation Worship
 - **Thank You** by: Hillsong

Discipleship: (40 Minutes)

5. Synopsis (Read): Consider the experience of young Daniel in the movie, "The Karate Kid." released back in 1984. Daniel finds himself a little out of place when he and his mother move from New Jersey to California. When a group of tough guys beat him up, he enlists the help of Mr. Miyagi, an elderly Japanese gardener from his apartment complex, to teach him karate for self-defense. Mr. Miyagi agrees to teach Daniel and takes him out to his home. Instead of jumping in to the lessons, Daniel is put to work painting a fence, waxing Mr. Miyagi's car, and sanding the floors. Daniel is growing quite frustrated with his experience, much like some of you who are frustrated with your life experiences. He thought he was supposed to be doing something else. What Daniel didn't know is that Mr. Miyagi was teaching him all along. The movements from the chores he was doing were the basics of karate. When Mr. Miyagi demonstrated that he was actually teaching the young student all along, Daniel was amazed and put his trust in him. From that day on, Daniel put his faith in Mr. Miyagi to teach him karate and much more. In the same way that you will put your faith and trust in God when he reveals all the experiences for us to learn. God Reveals All The Experiences For Us to Learn. We learn in three ways. We learn through Education. We learn through Examples. We learn through Experiences. My Experiences Must Be Used For My Services.
6. Read Text: **Philippians 1:3-12, Romans 8:28**
7. Group Discussion: *The Life Group Host will facilitate discussion using these suggested questions to stimulate free flowing, multi-point conversation. The goal is to encourage interactive discussion that will help people digest and personalized the Lord's Word.*
8. **MY EXPERIENCES MUST BE USED FOR MY SERVICES**
 1. **IN ALL THINGS GOD MEANT IT FOR MY OWN GOOD** | Romans 8:28
 - Question: What are the most difficult trials that you have been through? How might God be working them for your ultimate good?
 2. **I LOVE GOD NOT JUST BY WORDS, BUT BY ACTIONS** | Romans 8:28
 - Question: What does it mean to love God? Is it primarily a feeling? If it includes feelings, how can we keep our feelings passionate?
 3. **I AM CALLED FOR A PURPOSE** | Romans 8:28
 - Question: Have you discovered God's purpose for your life? What is your "SHAPE" - Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experiences? (use your personal profile to answer these)

Evangelism: (10 Minutes)

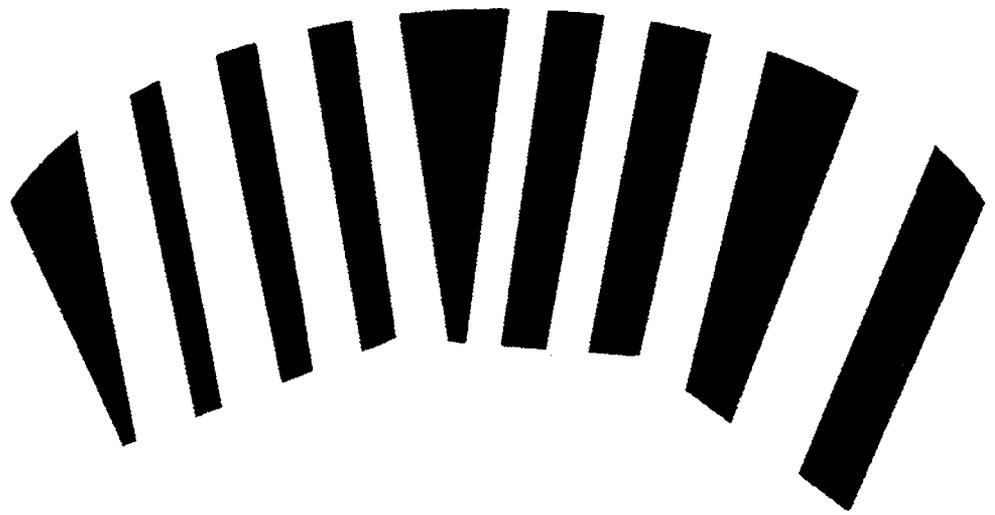
- Discuss when & how your Life Group will reach out to your family, friends and neighbors. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Be familiar with the abcofsalvation.org by memorizing the following verses: Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 and Romans 10:13
- **Using your mobile phones, send a "text" invite to 10 people in your contacts to invite them to your Life Group Meetings**
- Visit our church website at agapechurchofsandiego.org for more free tools & resources

Prayers: Please pray for:

- Agape Pastors | New Place of Worship | For congregants to Discover their SHAPE - Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality & Experiences.
- Events & Activities for December and smooth transition to our new place of worship.

*One Church!
One Message!*

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Personal Profile

My SHAPE for Ministry

Spiritual Gifts
Heart
Abilities
Personality
Experience

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Spiritual gifts I believe I have (from list in syllabus):

1.

2.

3.

I feel I may have these gifts because:

1.

2.

3.

1. What I have a heart for, or what motivates me most (from list in syllabus):

- I love to
- I love to
- I love to

2. Who I love to work with most, and the age or type of people:

3. Church issues, ministries, or possible needs that excite or concern me most:

4. If I knew I couldn't fail, this is what I would attempt to do for God with my life:

1. My current vocation is:

2. Other jobs or skills I have experience in:

3. I feel I have these specialized abilities (from list in syllabus):

4. I have taught a class or a seminar on:

5. I feel my most valuable personal asset is:

HEART

ABILITIES

PERSONALITY

This is how I see myself (circle one for each):

	STRONG	MILD	STRONG	
Introverted				Extroverted
Self-Controlled				Self-Expressive
Routine				Variety
Cooperative				Competitive

EXPERIENCES

MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

This is how and when I became a Christian, and what it has meant to me since then:

Times when I have felt closet to God, and meaningful spiritual experiences that stand out in my mind:

MY PAINFUL EXPERIENCES

These are the kind of trials or problems I could relate to and encourage a fellow Christian that is going through:

MY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Where I attended school, and my favorite subjects:

Seminars or training that has been meaningful to me:

MY MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Where I have served in the past (if applicable):

	Name of church	Where	Position of service	Years involved
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

After reviewing the Ministry Descriptions of Saddleback Valley Church, I feel I am best "shaped" for:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

GIFTS THAT COMMUNICATE GOD'S WORD

(to both believers and unbelievers)

PREACHING ("Prophecy") 1 Corinthians 14:3

The ability to publicly communicate God's word in an inspired way that convinces unbeliever and both challenges and comforts believers. The ability to persuasively declare God's will.

EVANGELISM Acts 8:26-40

The ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in a positive, non-threatening way. The ability to sense opportunities to share Christ and lead people to respond with faith.

MISSIONS 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Acts 13:2-3

The ability to adapt to a different culture in order to reach unbelievers and help believers from that culture.

APOSTLE Romans 15:20

The ability to start new churches and oversee their development.

GIFTS THAT EDUCATE GOD'S PEOPLE

TEACHING Ephesians 4:12-13

The ability to educate God's people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn. The ability to equip and train other believers for ministry.

ENCOURAGEMENT ("Exhortation") Acts 14:22

The ability to motivate God's people to apply and act on Biblical principles, especially when they are discouraged or wavering in their faith. The ability to bring out the best in others and challenge them to develop their potential.

WISDOM 1 Corinthians 2:1, 6-16

The ability to understand God's perspective on life situations and share those insights in a simple, understandable way. The ability to explain what to do and how to do it.

DISCERNMENT 1 John 4:1-6

The ability to distinguish right from wrong, truth from error, and to give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word. The ability to discern whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit

KNOWLEDGE Daniel 1:17

The ability to discover, collect, analyze, and organize information that is vital to individual believers or the entire church family. The ability to comprehend a large amount of information and provide it when needed for effective decision-making.

GIFTS THAT DEMONSTRATE GOD'S LOVE

SERVICE Acts 6:1-7

The ability to recognize unmet needs in the church family, and take the initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition

MERCY Luke 10:30-37

The ability to detect hurt and empathize with those who are suffering in the church family. The ability to provide compassionate and cheerful support to those experiencing distress, crisis, or pain.

HOSPITALITY 1 Peter 4:9-10

The ability to make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted, and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship

PASTORING ("Shepherding") 1 Peter 5:2-4

The ability to care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers and equip them for ministry. The ability to nurture a small group in spiritual growth and assume responsibility for their welfare.

GIVING 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

The ability to generously contribute material resources and/or money beyond the 10% tithe so that the Body may grow and be strengthened. The ability to earn and manage money so it may be given to support the ministry of others.

GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE

(Worship or prayer-related gifts)

MUSIC Psalm 150

The ability to celebrate God's presence through music, either vocal or instrumental, and to lead the church family in worship.

ARTS & CRAFTS Exodus 31:3-11

The ability to build, maintain, or beautify the place of worship for God's glory. The ability to express worship through a variety of art forms.

4 Prayer-related gifts

INTERCESSION Colossians 1:9-12

The ability to pray for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis. The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives.

HEALING James 5:14-16

The ability to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

MIRACLES Mark 11:23-24

The ability to pray in faith specifically for God's supernatural intervention into an impossible situation and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

PRAYING WITH MY SPIRIT ("Tongues/Interpretation") 1 Corinthians 14:13-15

The ability to pray in a language understood only by God or one who is given the gift of interpretation at that time.

List your Spiritual Gifts on your PERSONAL PROFILE.

HEART I LOVE TO ...

- DESIGN AND DEVELOP -- I love to make something out of nothing. I enjoy getting something started from scratch.
- PIONEER -- I love to test out and try new concepts. I am not afraid to risk failure.
- ORGANIZE -- I love to bring order out of chaos. I enjoy organizing something that is already started.
- OPERATE / MAINTAIN -- I love to efficiently maintain some things that is already organized.
- SERVE OR HELP -- I love to assist others in their responsibility. I enjoy helping others succeed.
- ACQUIRE AND POSSESS -- I love to shop, collect, or obtain things. I enjoy getting the highest quality for the best price.
- EXCEL -- I love to be the best and make my team the best. I enjoy setting and attaining the highest standard.
- INFLUENCE -- I love to convert people to my way of thinking. I enjoy shaping the attitudes and behaviors of others.
- PERFORM -- I love to be on stage and receive the attention of others. I enjoy being in the limelight.
- IMPROVE -- I love to make things better. I enjoy taking something that someone else has designed or started and improve it.
- REPAIR -- I love to fix what is broken or change what is out of date.
- LEAD AND BE IN CHARGE -- I love to lead the way, oversee and supervise. I enjoy determining how things will be done.
- PERSEVERE -- I love to see things to completion. I enjoy persisting at something until it is finished.
- FOLLOW THE RULES -- I love to operate by policies and procedures. I enjoy meeting the expectations of an organization or boss.
- PREVAIL -- I love to fight for what is right and oppose what is wrong. I enjoy overcoming injustice.

You should be able to support your choice with examples from your achievements.

EXAMPLE:

I feel the basic motivation God put in my heart is to "ACQUIRE/POSSESS": My history demonstrates this:

I purchased my first car at age 16. I've collected collection of rare stamps. I've built up a large cash reserve. I've acquired options on three properties.

DID YOU FIND THE BASIC MOTIVATIONAL DIRECTION OF YOUR HEART IN THIS LIST? WRITE IT ON YOUR PERSONAL PROFILE.

26 SPECIALIZED ABILITIES

1. Entertaining ability: to perform, act, dance, speak, magic
2. Recruiting ability: to enlist and motive people to get involved
3. Interview ability: to discover what others are really like
4. Researching ability: to read, gather information, collect data
5. Artistic ability: to conceptualize, picture, draw, paint, photograph, or make renderings
6. Graphics ability: to lay out, design, create visual displays or banners
7. Evaluating ability: to analyze data and draw conclusions
8. Planning ability: to strategize, design and organize programs and events
9. Managing ability: to supervise people to accomplish a task or event and coordinate the details involved
10. Counseling ability: to listen, encourage and guide with sensitivity
11. Teaching ability: to explain, train, demonstrate, tutor
12. Writing ability: to write articles, letters, books
13. Editing ability: to proofread or rewrite
14. Promoting ability: to advertise or promote events and activities
15. Repairing ability: to fix, restore, maintain
16. Feeding ability: to create meals for large or small groups
17. Recall ability: to remember or recall names and faces
18. Mechanical operating ability: to operate equipment, tools or machinery
19. Resourceful ability: to search out and find inexpensive materials or resources needed
20. Counting ability: to work with numbers, data or money
21. Classifying ability: to systematize and file books, data, records and materials so they can be retrieved easily
22. Public Relations ability: to handle complaints and unhappy customers with care and courtesy
23. Welcoming ability: to convey warmth, develop rapport, making others feel comfortable
24. Composing ability: to write music or lyrics
25. Landscaping ability: to do gardening and work with plants
26. Decorating ability: to beautify a setting for a special event

List your specialized abilities on your PERSONAL PROFILE