

MADE FOR MORE

WEEK #2: MORE ENGAGEMENT

In Christ, we are God's masterpiece, we are God's workmanship.

- Of the seven wonders of the world, which is your favorite and why? Aurora Borealis, Harbor of Rio de Janeiro, Great Barrier Reef, Mount Everest, Grand Canyon, Paricutin, Victoria Falls. (Use your cell phones or devices to see their pictures)
- How does it make you feel to know that God values you as his masterpiece?

IDENTITY: WHO AM I CREATED TO BE?

According to the Apostle Paul, in Christ our identity was changed forever.

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10.
- According to Paul, what is grace? What is mercy? How are they similar, how are they different? How do they impact your identity and who you were created to be?
- Paul changes in Ephesians 2:10 to a 1st person plural (we) from a 2nd person plural (you) in verses 8-9? Why is that so significant?
- Paul states that we are God's workmanship (masterpiece, literally poem). What does that mean to you personally? How does it influence your perspective of who you are?

PURPOSE: WHAT AM I CREATED TO DO?

Our identity in Christ determines our purpose.

- Re-read Ephesians 2:5-10 (memorize 2:8-10). See how many can say it to the group.
- Our purpose in life is to do good works! Good works are both moral, attractive and beneficial deeds for us, for those near us and for God. List as many examples as possible of good works you have seen lately, as well as deeds we should do.
- Pastor Mark often says following Christ will make you better at life and your life better. How do these verses reflect that truth? How would your current circumstances be different if we carried out our calling in 2:10? Why is living them out so difficult?
- Write out 3 to 5 goals/resolutions for the upcoming year based upon 2:10. (Share)
- Up until this point, what would you have told someone your purpose in life was?
- Starting tomorrow, what would you say to someone about your life mission?

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PLACE: WHERE AM I CREATED TO GO?

Good works are to be displayed both in the church and outside the church?

- Read Ephesians 2:11-22.
- What are some possible connections between these verses and the previous section?
- Are the good works we see in 2:10 related to the fullness of the church (1:22-23) and the construction of the holy temple (2:20-22)?
- How can you personally become more engaged in the church and in the community?
- Our walk or how we live out our life is very important in the book of Ephesians (see 4:1, 4:17, 5:1-2, 5:8 & 5:15). How do these verses clarify our calling as a Christ-follower?

NEXT STEPS OF DISCOVERY

Spiritual Creation Inventories

1. Spiritual Gift Inventory by Group (see <https://harrisonvillecommunity.church/serve>)
2. APEST Survey based upon Ephesians 4 (see <http://www.fivefoldsurvey.com/>)
3. SHAPE Survey based upon S.H.A.P.E. (see <https://www.freeshapetest.com/>)

Natural Creation Inventories

1. Free DISC assessment (see <https://www.123test.com/disc-personality-test/>)
2. Free Meyers Briggs (see <https://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test>)
3. Free Enneagram (see <https://enneagramtest.net/>)
4. Free StrengthsFinder (see <https://high5test.com/>)

Recommended Books

1. S.H.A.P.E. Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose For Life – Erik Rees, 2006
2. MORE Finding Your Personal Calling – Todd Wilson, 2016
3. Strengths Finder 2.0 – Tom Rath, 2007
4. The Permanent Revolution – Alan Hirsch and Tom Catchim, 2012

**“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
Ephesians 2:10**