

## Small Group & Personal Bible Study

### Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:10 NLT

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

### Study Questions:

Read Jeremiah 18:1-6 and review our memory verse Ephesians 2:10.

1. What do you learn about God’s plan from these verses?

God has planned to use me from the beginning. I am part of His master plan. He has designed me to do His work. He is all I need.

2. What do you learn about yourself in these verses?

I find that God is doing a good work in me and molds me to be just the way he wants me. Some will say, I am not talented enough, not gifted enough, not able to serve God in any significant way. When we say this we are saying more about what we think of our God than we are saying about ourselves. Trusting and believing God and taking Him at His word means that I step forward in faith and do what He has called me to do.

3. What does this teach you about being gifted to serve and be used by God?

I now recognize that I am gifted to serve and God has a plan for me to be used by Him. The question is am I willing to be obedient and pursue His plan with Him?

One way to examine how God has prepared you to serve is to meditate on how God has shaped your life for ministry. Shape is an acronym developed by Rick Warren and the Purpose Driven Ministry. For more information see the book S.H.A.P.E. by Erik Rees.

### SHAPE

- **Spiritual Gifts:** A set of special abilities that God has given you to share his love and serve others.
- **Heart:** The special passions God has given you so that you can glorify him on earth.
- **Abilities:** The set of talents that God gave you to use to make an impact for him.
- **Personality:** The special way God wired you to navigate life and fulfill your unique Kingdom purpose.
- **Experiences:** Those parts of your past, both positive and painful, which God intends to use in great ways.

### Daily Reading Plan:

- Day 1: - Jeremiah 18:1-6
- Day 2: - Isaiah 64
- Day 3: - Ephesians 2
- Day 4: - Psalm 139
- Day 5: - Romans 12