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Pastor Tim Wood – Great Benedictions: Receiving the blessing of God

Ephesians Benediction: The greatness of God's love Ephesians 3: 14 – 21

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.”
Ephesians 3: 20 – 21

1. The Prayer – Four Aspects (verses 16 – 19)
 - a. A prayer for _____ . (verse 16)
 - b. A prayer for _____ . (verse 17)
 - c. A prayer for _____ . (verse 18)
 - d. A prayer for _____ . (verse 19)
2. The Praise – A doxology (verses 20 – 21)
 - a. Thinking about the power and love of God is the basis for praise to God.
 - b. “To Him be glory”
 - c. “In the church”
 - d. “In Christ Jesus”

Small Group Study: Discovering Your S.H.A.P.E.

Abilities: The set of talents that God gave you when you were born, which he also wants to use to make an impact for Him.

Memory Verse: Psalm 139:14

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

Special Bible Reading Meditation: Matthew 25:14-30

Daily Meditation Reading:

Day 1: Matthew 25:14-30

Day 2: Psalm 33

Day 3: Psalm 34

Day 4: Psalm 37

Day 5: Psalm 67

1. How can using your talents glorify God?
2. How can you relate this parable from Jesus as instruction to you about using the abilities that God has given you to use for His glory?
3. List some of your own natural and learned abilities:
4. How could God use your natural and learned abilities to touch lives for His Kingdom purpose?

The link below is a free link to take a spiritual gifts analysis test. This may help you as you go through the process to discover your S.H.A.P.E.

<http://www.churchgrowth.org/analysis/intro.php>