MESSAGE NOTES

Purpose > Self – Part 5 of 6

“Living Into How God S.H.A.P.E.d You”

**Romans 12:1-8**

**Scripture Reading BEFORE The Message ---- Romans 12:1-8 (NLT) –**

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.****2****Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.* ***3****Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.****4****Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,****5****so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.* ***6****In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.****7****If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.****8****If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.* Romans 12:1-8

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Introduction: During this message series, we are talking about how God wants us to make a difference in our

church family and the world in which we live. He has shaped us for a ministry in the church and a mission in the world.

My God-given S.H.A.P.E. for Ministry

S – Spiritual Gifts

**H –** Heart

**A –** Abilities

**P –** Personality

**E –** Experiences

**STEP 1: I DEDICATE MY BODY (Romans 12:1)**

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**STEP 2: ELIMINATE COMPETING DISTRACTIONS (Romans 12:2)**

***2****Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

**STEP 3: EVALUATE MY STRENGTHS (Romans 12:3)**

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**STEP 4: I COOPERATE WITH OTHER BELIEVERS (Romans 12:4-5)**

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**STEP 5: I ACTIVATE MY GIFTS (Romans 12:6-8)**

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