

S.H.A.P.E. Group Discussion Guide

Session 1: Spiritual Gifts



Through God's grace, all people are uniquely created, formed, and called to discipleship! Through our baptism, we are called to love and to serve God and other people. Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. **S.H.A.P.E.** is an acronym for five characteristics that help to determine God's unique call in you!

Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experience



*To the group leader: The **S.H.A.P.E.** Group Discussion should occur **AFTER** your group members have participated in the **S.H.A.P.E.** Spiritual Gifts worship service on August 21, 2022 at 10:00 am and **AFTER** each individual in your group has completed the **Spiritual Gifts Personal Resource**. If you are using this material for Sunday School, please plan to discuss this material on August 28, 2022. Remember to give space for everyone to respond and encourage the opportunity for equal voice as you share together.*

Scripture of the week: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Discussion Questions:

1. Ask each member of the group to share their results from the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Record the results of your group and note how many times each gift is repeated.
2. Discuss the results. Are any Spiritual Gifts repeated often in your small group? Are any Spiritual Gifts missing? What do these results reveal about the members of your group?
3. Discuss how God might want to use your Spiritual Gifts to benefit the other members of your group. Also discuss how these gifts might benefit the congregation of Aldersgate UMC and our greater community and world.
4. Why is it important for us to learn to recognize our Spiritual Gifts? How are your Spiritual Gifts different from a personality trait, a talent, or a characteristic?
5. What can you do as individuals and as a group to not fall into the trap of comparison, projection, and/or rejection of your own gifts as well as the gifts of others?