

RECAP

Have you had a chance to take the assessment yet? If so, how has the experience been so far?

IDEA 1

We are each created to play a unique role in bringing peace to our city. We get to bring the peace, presence and power of Jesus to our spheres of influence.

- **What is your reaction to the idea that you have influence? Affirmation? Surprise? Resistance?**
- **Where are your spheres of influence? Where is your piece of this city? Where do you have relationships, work, family in the Willamette Valley?**
- **How would your spheres of influence be transformed if they were saturated with the peace, presence and power of Jesus? What would change? What would be different?**

IDEA 2

Whether you know Jesus as King and Lord or not - we all have skills and abilities whether they are related to the work we do, the hobbies we pursue, or the opportunities that arise in our lives as we engage with others.

In the life of David we see that his natural ability was redeemed for godly purposes. David was good with the sling - he had experience and had developed that skill in his days protecting and preparing to protect his sheep.

- **What is my sling? What are my ordinary, everyday abilities and skills?**
- **What memories do you have of your abilities and skills being used or developed in the past?**

IDEA 2

Spirit-empowered gifts are given to us by God so that we can carry out our role in the life of the Church and beyond. These gifts create break-through. These gifts are Kingdom Come gifts. *God's Spirit-power complementing our natural ability!*

These Spirit-empowered gifts were evident in David as well. His harp playing was Spirit-empowered as he played for Saul and did something in the unseen realm.

- **What's your harp? What is your Spirit-empowered ability that brings the ways of Jesus to your community beyond your natural strength, wisdom and ability?**
- **What memories do you have of your spiritual gifts being used or developed in the past?**
- **What are the benefits of using your natural skills/abilities in partnership with your spiritual gifts?**
- **How could you use your spiritual gifts and skills/abilities to live on mission? In what ways are you currently doing this?**

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Take some time in your group to do a devotional reading of 1 Corinthians 12:1–7. Have someone read the verse out loud three times with pauses to process the following prompts, individually.

Prepare: Relax and invite Holy Spirit to guide your thinking and feeling.

1. Read the verse slowly and carefully. **What words or ideas draw my attention?**
2. Read the verse again. **How does this word/idea relate to my life today?**
3. Read the verse one final time. **What would I like to say to God in response?**

Rest: Sit and rest in God's presence. Allow space for the words and reflections from this time to sink deeply into your soul. Encourage your group to memorize Ephesians 2:10 together over the course of this sermon series.

NEXT STEPS

If you haven't already started the GPS assessment, we encourage you to do so this week. Below is the QR code that will direct you to take the assessment on our website:



If possible, try to complete the Gifts and Passions section of the assessment for next weekends sermon (Jan 21-22) as your results will be useful in your next sermon discussion with your Life Group.