



CREW LIFE DISCIPLESHIP

LESSON 6

GRACE DISCOVERY

Designed for Purpose



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Introduction

As we've journeyed through CREW LIFE Foundations, we've discovered that following Jesus Christ is a lifelong journey of growth and transformation. God is not only saving us from sin—He is shaping us into faithful disciples who reflect His character, serve His Church, and fulfill His purpose.

In [Lesson 1](#), we discovered why Jesus established His Church and our place within the Body of Christ. In [Lesson 2](#), we learned how we enter God's Kingdom through the New Birth. In [Lesson 3](#), we discovered that spiritual growth is a lifelong process as God transforms us through His Word, His Spirit, and His Church. In [Lesson 4](#), we learned that God's Word is our final authority for faith and practice. In [Lesson 5](#), we discovered that everything we are and everything we have belongs to God, and that faithful stewardship is managing every resource He has entrusted to us for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Now we arrive at another important question: [If God has entrusted me with my life... how has He uniquely designed me to serve His Kingdom?](#)

The Bible teaches that every believer has been created with purpose. God does not offer people salvation by accident, and He does not call them without providing what they need to fulfill His purpose. Long before we ever recognized His hand upon our lives, God was already forming our gifts, shaping our experiences, developing our abilities, and preparing us for the work He had planned.

Many people spend their lives comparing themselves to others or wishing they possessed someone else's gifts. But God has never called us to imitate another person's design. Instead, He invites each of us to discover how He has uniquely created and equipped us to serve Him.

Grace is more than God's unmerited favor that brings salvation. His grace also empowers us to serve. The same God who saves us also equips us, giving every believer unique gifts, abilities, passions, and experiences that can be used for His glory and the building of His Church.

Today, we'll discover three important truths about God's design for our lives:

1. Designed by Grace — God created you with purpose.
2. Gifted by Grace — God has equipped every believer to serve.
3. Serving by Grace — God calls us to faithfully use what He has placed within us for His Kingdom.

As we learn to embrace the unique way God has designed us, we begin to see that our greatest fulfillment is not found in becoming someone else—it is found in becoming the person God created us to be.

Lesson Objective

To understand that God has uniquely designed and gifted every believer for His purpose, and learn how discovering our God-given gifts, abilities, passions, personality, and experiences prepares us to faithfully serve His Kingdom.

Big Idea

Every believer has been uniquely designed by God's grace, gifted for His purpose, and called to faithfully serve His Church and advance His Kingdom.

Focus Scriptures

- * Ephesians 2:10
- * Romans 12:4–8
- * 1 Corinthians 12:4–7
- * 1 Peter 4:10–11
- * Psalm 139:13–16
- * Jeremiah 1:5

Lesson 6 Grace Discovery — Designed for Purpose

I. Designed by Grace

Before we ever discover what God has called us to do, we must first understand WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST. The Bible teaches that our purpose did not begin when we found God—it began long before we were ever born. God created each of us intentionally, uniquely, and with a purpose that He planned from the very beginning.

Ephesians 2:10 - “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

The word workmanship speaks of something intentionally designed and skillfully crafted. We are not accidents. We are not random collections of talents or personalities. Every believer is the HANDIWORK of God, CREATED with PURPOSE and designed to accomplish the good works He has prepared for us.

This truth changes the way we see ourselves. Our value is not determined by what we accomplish, the abilities we possess, or the opinions of others. Our identity is found in the God who created us. Before God ever asks us to serve Him, He first reminds us that we belong to Him.

The psalmist declared, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...” (Psalm 139:14). David understood that God's creative work was intentional. Every life reflects the wisdom and purpose of its Creator.

Because God created each of us uniquely, [comparison has no place in the Kingdom of God](#). We do not measure our value against another person's gifts, personality, or calling. God has never asked us to become someone else. Instead, He invites us to faithfully become the person He created us to be.

Grace reminds us that our purpose is discovered, not invented. We do not create God's plan for our lives—we discover the purpose He has already prepared for us as we walk with Him in obedience.

At Angler Church, we believe this simple truth: [God did not create you by accident. He designed you on purpose, for His purpose.](#)

CREW DISCUSSION

1. How does knowing that God intentionally created you with purpose change the way you view yourself?

2. Why do you think comparison keeps so many people from discovering God's purpose for their lives?

II. Gifted by Grace

God never calls His people to fulfill His purpose in their [OWN](#) strength. [The same grace that saves us also equips us](#). Every believer has received gifts from God that are intended to strengthen the Body of Christ and advance His Kingdom.

[Romans 12:6](#), — “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...”

Before Paul ever lists the gifts, he reminds us that they are given according to grace. Spiritual gifts are not [EARNED](#) through talent, experience, or personal achievement. They are graciously given by God according to His wisdom and purpose.

[This truth should both humble and encourage us](#). It humbles us because we cannot boast about a gift we did not earn. It encourages us because every believer has something valuable to contribute to the Kingdom of God. Scripture never teaches that only a select few are gifted. Instead, God has uniquely equipped every member of His Church to serve in meaningful ways.

[1 Peter 4:10](#) — “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Notice that Peter connects gifts with stewardship. The gifts God has placed within us are not given for our [PERSONAL RECOGNITION](#). They are entrusted to us so we can faithfully serve others. Just as we learned in our previous lesson that we are [stewards of our resources](#), we are also stewards of the gifts God has placed within our lives.

[God's work in our lives extends beyond spiritual gifts alone](#). Although every believer receives spiritual gifts through God's grace, God also uses our passions, natural abilities, personality, and life experiences to prepare us for the purpose He has called us to fulfill.

Throughout our lives, He shapes us through every season, every lesson learned, every victory celebrated, and every trial endured. Together, these experiences become part of the unique way God prepares us to serve His Kingdom.

Because God has designed each of us differently, [comparison has no place in the Body of Christ](#). We do not all have the same gifts, but we all have the same value. God has not called us to imitate someone else's design. He has called us to faithfully steward the unique way He has designed us.

At Angler Church, we believe this simple truth: God doesn't ask us to become someone else. He asks us to faithfully become [WHO HE CREATED US TO BE](#).

CREW DISCUSSION

3. How does knowing that every believer has received gifts by God's grace change the way you view your place in the Body of Christ?

4. Besides spiritual gifts, what passions, abilities, or life experiences do you believe God may be using to prepare you for His purpose?

III. Serving by Grace

God never gives gifts simply for our personal benefit. Every gift He places within us is intended to strengthen His Church, bless others, and advance His Kingdom. From the very beginning, God's design has always been that His people would [SERVE](#) one another [IN LOVE](#).

[1 Peter 4:10](#) — “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Notice that Peter does not tell us to admire our gifts or compare them with others. He tells us to minister them. The purpose of every gift is [SERVICE](#). Whether our gifts are seen by many or known by only a few, every act of faithful service becomes an expression of God's grace working through our lives.

Jesus modeled this better than anyone. Although He was Lord of all, He came as a servant. He declared in [Mark 10:45](#), “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” If our Savior chose the path of serving others, then His disciples should desire to do the same.

Serving is not primarily about filling a position or meeting a need. It is about becoming more like Jesus Christ as we faithfully serve others. [Every time we serve](#), whether greeting someone at the door, teaching a Bible study, praying with a guest, leading worship, working behind the scenes, or simply encouraging another believer, [we become part of what God is doing through His Church](#).

No act of service is insignificant in the Kingdom of God. Scripture reminds us that the Body of Christ is made up of many members, each with a different function, yet every member is necessary. The church is [HEALTHIEST](#) when every believer discovers their purpose and faithfully serves where God has placed them.

This is why discovering our God-given design is so important. God has uniquely shaped each of us, not simply to attend church, but to participate in His mission. As we faithfully serve according to the grace He has given us, the Body of Christ is strengthened, lives are changed, and God receives the glory.

At Angler Church, we believe this simple truth: [We don't serve because the church needs volunteers. We serve because disciples become more like Jesus when they faithfully serve others.](#)

CREW DISCUSSION

5. How has Jesus' example of serving others changed the way you think about serving in the local church?

6. What is one area where you believe God may be inviting you to begin serving or growing in the Body of Christ?

CREW NOTES

1. Before we ever discover what God has called us to do, we must first understand

_____.

2. Every believer is the _____ of God, _____ with
_____ and designed to accomplish the good works He has prepared for us.

3. God never calls His people to fulfill His purpose in their _____ strength.

4. Spiritual gifts are not _____.

5. The gifts God has placed within us are not given for our _____
_____.

6. God asks us to faithfully become _____.

7. God's design has always been that His people would _____ one another
_____.

8. The purpose of every gift is _____.

9. The church is _____ when every believer discovers their purpose and
faithfully serves where God has placed them.

CREW LIFE CULTURE

At Angler Church, we believe every believer has been uniquely designed by God for His purpose. We reject the idea that only a select few are called to serve while everyone else simply attends. Scripture teaches that every member of the Body of Christ has value, every believer has been gifted by God's grace, and every disciple has a place in the mission of His Church.

Because of this, we don't recruit people simply to fill positions or meet needs. We desire to help every person prayerfully discover how God has uniquely designed them and where they can faithfully serve according to His purpose. We believe people experience their greatest fulfillment when they serve where God has gifted and called them.

Serving is not something we do because the church needs volunteers. Serving is one of the ways we become more like Jesus Christ. Whether our role is seen by many or known by only a few, every act of faithful service strengthens the Body of Christ, blesses others, and advances the Kingdom of God.

At Angler Church, we want every person to know they are needed, valued, and created with purpose. We celebrate the unique way God has designed each individual, and we are committed to helping one another discover, develop, and faithfully steward those gifts for His glory.

At Angler Church, we don't just help people find a place to serve. We help people discover the purpose God has placed within them.

SHAPE DISCOVERY

Throughout this lesson, we've discovered three powerful truths. God has designed you with purpose. He has gifted you by His grace. And He has called you to faithfully serve His Kingdom.

But that leaves each of us with an important question: "How has God uniquely designed me?"

The next few pages are designed to help you begin answering that question.

This [SHAPE Discovery](#) is not a test to pass or fail, nor is it something to complete as quickly as possible. It is a personal opportunity to prayerfully reflect on how God has been shaping your life. As you work through these pages, don't focus on becoming someone else. Instead, ask the Lord to help you discover the unique gifts, passions, abilities, personality, and experiences He has already placed within you.

Some of your answers may come quickly. Others may take time, prayer, and reflection. That's okay. We encourage you to take this booklet home, continue working through it during the week, and ask the Lord to reveal how He desires to use your life for His glory.

Remember, [this isn't about finding a position. It's about discovering your purpose.](#)

As you complete your [SHAPE Discovery](#), bring it back with you next week. We'll continue building on what you've learned and begin exploring how God can use your unique design to serve His Church and advance His Kingdom.

Before you begin, take a quiet moment and ask the Lord to guide your heart. He knows exactly how He created you, and He delights in revealing His purpose to those who seek Him.

SHAPE DISCOVERY JOURNAL

S.H.A.P.E — Spiritual Gifts

God has uniquely gifted every believer to strengthen His Church and advance His Kingdom.

1. When have you felt God use you to bless or encourage someone else?

2. What ministry opportunities bring you the greatest joy? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Teaching
- ☐ Encouraging
- ☐ Serving
- ☐ Hospitality
- ☐ Leadership
- ☐ Giving
- ☐ Prayer
- ☐ Mercy
- ☐ Evangelism
- ☐ Worship
- ☐ Administration
- ☐ Children's Ministry
- ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ Technology / Media
- ☐ Other: _____

3. What spiritual gift(s) do you believe God may be developing in your life?

S.H.A.P.E — Heart

God often places a burden in our hearts before He places us into a ministry.

I. What people or needs do you feel most drawn toward?

2. If you could spend one day serving anywhere in the church, what would you enjoy doing most?

3. What ministry or cause are you most passionate about?

S.H.A.P.E — Abilities

God uses both spiritual gifts and natural abilities for His glory.

I. What skills or talents has God given you?

2. What do people naturally ask you to help them with?

3. What abilities have you developed through work, education, hobbies, or life experience?

S.H.A.P.E — Personality

God created you uniquely, and your personality is part of His design.

1. I feel most energized by:

- ☐ Working with people
- ☐ Working behind the scenes
- ☐ Both

2. I naturally prefer to:

- ☐ Lead
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Either

3. I enjoy serving best:

- ☐ One-on-one
- ☐ Small groups
- ☐ Large groups
- ☐ Doesn't matter

4. Describe yourself in three words.

S.H.A.P.E — Experiences

God never wastes a season of your life.

1. What life experiences have most shaped who you are today?

2. What difficult season has God helped you overcome?

3. How could your story encourage or help someone else?

MY SHAPE DISCOVERY

After completing the [SHAPE Discovery Journal](#), take a few moments to reflect.

I believe God has uniquely designed me to...

The gifts and strengths I believe God has placed in my life are...

The people I feel God is calling me to serve are...

One area of ministry I would like to explore is...

My next step in serving God's Kingdom is...

God has uniquely designed me. My greatest fulfillment will be found in faithfully becoming the person He created me to be.