

DAY THREE

MAP MAKING: ACTIONS (LOOKING IN)

What are possible ways I can help? How can God use me to serve others?

Now that you have identified two needs that resonate with your desire to “be on mission”, the next step is to consider your giftings, skills, talents, abilities, etc., and how you might be a solution God can use to minister to another person in need. Scripture reminds us that we were created with intentionality for a purpose. Philippians 2:13 (NIV): “...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.”

Let’s pause for a moment and consider this question: How am I currently serving others with the gifts, talents, resources and skills God has given me to “be on mission” in fulfilling His mission?

What if you don’t know your spiritual gifts, strengths or talents? Here are a few ways to get started determining your gifts and strengths.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Visit this website to take a quick free gifts test: gifts.churchgrowth.org

STRENGTHS

- Take the “Top 5 CliftonStrengths” assessment (cost involved \$20) to get a report on your top five strengths: [gallup.com](https://www.gallup.com)
- Ask 5-7 people who know you well to share an example when they saw you using a strength. Watch for similar words or patterns to develop that might help identify a strength or talent.

Take a few moments to fill out the following charts to further hone in on your spiritual gifts and strengths.

“Natural talents are not the same as spiritual gifts. While God has given natural talents to every human being only believers in Christ Jesus have been given spiritual gifts. Unbelievers, by definition, cannot exercise spiritual gifts. We must also understand that natural talents do not automatically become one’s gift when a person becomes a Christian. God may indeed give someone, who is a teacher by profession, the spiritual gift of teaching. However, He may not. While there may be some relationship between the natural gifts which a person has and the spiritual gift they have been given, this may not be the case.”

- Blue Letter Bible¹¹

**LIST TWO OF YOUR
SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**

1.

2.

**LIST TWO OF
YOUR STRENGTHS:**

1.

2.

**LIST TWO
OF YOUR
TALENTS**

1.

2.

**LIST TWO
JOB SKILLS
YOU POSSESS**

1.

2.

**PEOPLE OFTEN
SAY I AM...**

1.

2.

**LIST TWO STRUGGLES
THAT GOD HAS HELPED
YOU OVERCOME THAT
COULD BE A CATALYST
FOR SERVING OTHERS:**

1.

2.

ACTS 11:23-26

Grab your Bible and open to today's reading. Use the PRAY and HEAR tools as you spend time in the Word.

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Take a moment and use the PRAY tool to respond in prayer.