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Leader Guide Session 3

You made my whole being; you formed me in my mother's body.
I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way ...
You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body.

When I was put together there, you saw my body as it was formed
All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old. Psalm 139:13-16 (NCV)

GOD WAS: _____ IN MY BIRTH

HOW DO I MAXIMIZE MY GOD-GIVEN SHAPE?

1) _____ my SHAPE

BY: _____ MY PAST

You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted?
GALATIANS 3:4 (ICB)

Everyone should examine his own conduct; then he will be able to
take the measure of his own worth; with no need to compare himself with others. GALATIANS 6:4
(KNOX)

BY: _____ WITH DIFFERENT TASKS

2) _____ my SHAPE

BARRIERS TO FULFILLING MY SHAPE _____ AND _____

Who do you think you are to talk back to God like that? Can an object that was made say to its
maker; "Why did you make me like this?" A potter has the right to do whatever he wants with his
clay.

ROMANS 9:20-21 (GW)

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Each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. 1 Corinthians 7:17 (NIV)

So I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Matthew 25:25 (ESV)

WHY MUST I MAXIMIZE MY SHAPE?

BECAUSE I'M _____ TO MY CREATOR

From where he sits he overlooks all us earth dwellers.

He has shaped each person in turn; now he watches everything we do.

PSALM 33:14-15 (MSG)

Offer the parts of your body to God to be used in doing good. ROMANS 6:13 (NCV)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways has comparing yourself to others impacted your life? Where in your life do you tend to conform to the world's standards? What does the Bible say about comparing and conforming?
2. In the parable of the talents, Jesus warns us not to hide the gifts God has given us. Faithful living is using your gifts well. Is there anything you are good at or anything you've always longed to try that you've kept hidden from the world? What's holding you back?
3. Is there a gift or interest that is part of your SHAPE that you're no longer using? What might happen if you started to share this part of your SHAPE again?
4. Take some time this week to examine your past and experiment with one or two different tasks, and see if God begins to lead you closer to your SHAPE.
If you've already discovered your personal SHAPE, do you feel like you have maximized your SHAPE to its greatest potential? What steps could you take this week to move toward maximizing God's investment in you?