

MODULE 2: SELF-DISCOVERY AND STEWARDSHIP

INTRODUCTION



In this module, **Becca Knudsen** teaches you how to discover how God has intentionally created you and what that means for your leadership in your church and, more significantly, in God's Kingdom. Becca serves as the Executive Pastor for the Mile High Vineyard churches in Denver.



Then, **Amber George** will teach you about stewardship—how to use what God has entrusted you with and how faithful stewardship enhances your relationships with others and God. Amber currently serves as the Executive Pastor at Crossroads Church in Fredericksburg, VA.

These two sessions will help you answer two central questions:

1. How has God specially shaped me to lead?
2. How do I faithfully steward what God has given me?

SESSION 1: SELF-DISCOVERY

Video Notes

- 1. You are uniquely made with specific spiritual gifts.** God has given you spiritual gifts because He loves you and created you to use your gifts for others (1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; Ephesians 4).
- 2. Your church needs you to discover your gifts to function at a higher level.** Everyone in a church has been created with gifts and abilities to use for the good of the church. When only a small percentage uses their gifts in the church, the church's health suffers.
- 3. SHAPE is a helpful acronym for beginning to explore your God-given gifts.** S - Spiritual Gifts; H - Heart; A - Abilities; P - Personality; E - Experiences.
- 4. Gifts are what you learn by serving, not just thinking or self-discovery.** As you explore your gifts you discover more about God, yourself, and the world around you.

SESSION 1: SELF-DISCOVERY

Reflection Questions

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 = very unfamiliar; 10 = incredibly familiar), how would you rate your understanding of your own spiritual gifts? Why did you choose that number?
2. Becca said that, on average, 20% of the people in churches do 80% of the work. This means that the majority of the people in the average church do not understand and operate in their spiritual gifts. Would you say this is true in your church? Why or why not?
3. As you heard Becca describe the acronym SHAPE - Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences - and share some of her story, what resonated with you? What of your gifts, heart, abilities, personality, or experiences came to mind as you listened?
4. When you think of discovering more of your spiritual gifting and abilities, what excites you? What makes you anxious or gives you doubts?

SESSION 2: STEWARDSHIP

Video Notes

- 1. God owns it all.** "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him." Psalm 24:1 NLT
- 2. We are his faithful stewards.** Stewardship is our minute-by-minute, decision-by-decision opportunity to partner with God on everything he wants to do.
- 3. God must come first.** "Seek first the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33 NLT
- 4. Contentment is key.** "Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So, if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content." 1 Timothy 6:6-8 NLT
- 5. We are created to be generous.** "For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NLT
- 6. Conclusion: it's all about relationships.**

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Reflection Questions

- 1.** How does the knowledge that you are a steward impact your decisions and actions?
- 2.** How are you managing what God has entrusted to you? What, if anything, do you need to do differently? Write down 1-2 areas in your life that you think you are stewarding well and 1-2 areas that you need to surrender ownership back to God.
- 3.** How might your life change if you allowed God to direct all areas of your life (time, talent, and treasure)?
- 4.** What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about Kingdom living through this session?

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Additional Resources

- ["Financial Discipleship: Investing in Eternity"](#) by Peter J. Briscoe
- ["The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving"](#) by Randy Alcorn
- ["God and Money: How We Discovered True Riches at Harvard Business School"](#) by John Cortines and Gregory Baumer
- ["Gospel Patrons: People Whose Generosity Changed the World"](#) by John Rinehart
- [Christian Stewardship Network](#) – articles, videos, and a podcast all created to inspire you to pursue the truths about living in financial freedom and sharing these plain truths with those that you are leading

ACTIVATION ASSIGNMENT

Put This Into Practice

In this module, we discussed the powerful truth that, as a child of God, you have been given abilities, experiences, and resources to steward for God's Kingdom.

Before you meet with your mentor and others from your church, take some time to reflect on what you've learned about yourself.

How has God uniquely wired you, and how have your experiences shaped who you are and what you bring to your ministry role?

Then, spend some time praying. Ask God to reveal how He is inviting you to more generously offer that to your church community.

How is God leading you toward greater generosity in what He has given you?

As a way of connecting those thoughts, try completing this simple phrase:

"I believe God has shaped me in this specific way: _____
in order to minister or serve in this certain way: _____
in my church or local community"