



FIND YOUR PLACE

Small Group
Discussion Guide

PREPARING FOR YOUR GROUP

Pray

Before your first group huddle, take at least 10-15 minutes to pray for your upcoming group. Pray for your leaders, co-leaders, and hosts. Pray for those who may be coming to your small group for the first time. Pray for yourself!

This *Find Your Place* small group experience could be one of the most catalytic experiences of your life. If you do not already know that you are God's unique masterpiece, that you are incomprehensible... then BUCKLE UP! Pray for God to create excitement and provide focus and clarity to everyone as you seek to *Find Your Place*. The world needs you to Find Your Place and play your part. God has designed you for it. You will enjoy it.

Read

Grab your copy of *Find Your Place* and read the **Introduction** and **Chapter 1** before the first group huddle.

Take GPS Assessment

Go to giftpassionstory.com and take the "G" and "P" sections of the free Assessment. Invite a friend who knows you well to take the Assessment as if s/he were you. The Assessment will typically take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. Your church may have an account that will help them follow up with you, so ask your group leader if you have one or not.

Journal

There are several Bible verses in each of the chapters of the *Find Your Place* book. As you are reading, take note of the verses that are the most meaningful to you. As you come across a verse that sticks out this way, take the time to journal (write down in a notebook or your preferred digital way) the answer to two important questions:

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1. What did this verse teach me?

2. What does God want me to do about what I learned?

Make sure to bring this journal to your group each week. You will be encouraged to share what God is teaching you through these verses with a few others in the group.

Expect and Trust

As you continue to pray for your group, start to pray as if you expect God to help you, and the others in the group, Find Your Place. We are convinced God created a place for you. We are also convinced that He is not hiding it from you. Ask Him to show it to you, then expect Him to answer that prayer.

WEEKLY GROUP HUDDLE FORMAT



CONNECT

(15–20 Minutes)

A time to eat snacks & catch up with each other. Please take advantage of the conversation starters each week to help develop relationships and prepare your heart for each lesson.



LEARN

5–10 Minutes

Tune in with *Find Your Place* authors, Rob Wegner and Brian Phipps, as they prepare your group for the weekly group experience through video. Your church will provide the links to the videos.



DISCUSS

35–40 Minutes

Process through the ideas in the lesson by working through the questions we have provided.



SHARE

10-20 Minutes

Break into smaller groups of 3-4 people for peer feedback, encouragement, and support.

PRAY

5 Minutes

Take time to pray for everyone to Find Their Place!

Discover Your Masterpiece Mission



CONNECT

Almost everyone has experienced a GPS fail... a time when our GPS got us more lost than found. Invite everyone to share a GPS fail, then decide which one took that person the most "Out of Place!" Reward the winner with an extra snack or beverage.



LEARN

Watch the video and fill in the blanks.

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

You are a _____, created for a _____ body of “good works.”

“Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering. Saint Augustine

If you want to find your Masterpiece Mission, you’re going to have to stop looking for your calling “out _____,” and start looking “in _____.”

You will discover your Masterpiece Mission when you tune in the signals of your _____, your _____, and your _____.



How can I best triangulate my Gifts, Passions, and Story?

Be _____!

Grab a copy of Find _____ Place.

Take the "G" and "P" sections of the GPS Online Assessment at www.giftpassionstory.com and invite a _____ to take the Assessment as if s/he were you.

Offer and welcome helpful peer _____.

Start _____



DISCUSS

1. Consider this quote from Mark Twain: *"The two most important days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why."* The authors of *Find Your Place* claim that they will help you discover why you were born. Does that excite you? Make you nervous? Make you skeptical? Explain your answer.

2. Review the three illustrations the Bible provides to describe how incomprehensible you are to God. How did you feel after you read these illustrations and then realized this is how God thinks about you? Why do you think you felt that way?

3. Is there anyone in the group who once had a hard time believing that you are incomprehensible, but has now grown to accept it? If so, can you share how God helped you see that over time?

4. Is there anyone in the group who is currently having a hard time believing that you are incomprehensible? If so, what is it about you in particular that keeps you from believing it? Are there any Bible verses from the chapter that helped you more than the others to see it?

5. Which of the four GPS “jammers” will be the greatest threat to you Finding Your Place? Name it, and invite everyone in your group to help you overcome it!



SHARE

Break into groups of 3-4 people. Share the following information and provide encouraging peer feedback to one another.

Did you do any journaling yet? If so, what did you learn and what are you going to do about it? How can we help?

Did you have an answer to any of the group questions that you did not want to share with the whole group that you can share now?

Was there anything about the online Assessment results that encouraged, surprised, or confused you?

How can we pray for you as you seek to Find Your Place?



PRAY

For Next Week:

Read Chapter 2 of *Find Your Place*. Be sure to journal on any meaningful verses!

Discover Your Gifts



CONNECT

Have everyone share the most awkward birthday, Christmas, or anniversary gift they have ever received. After everyone shares, decide as a group which of these gifts wins the most awkward gift award! Reward the winner with an extra snack and a beverage.



LEARN

Watch the video and fill in the blanks.

To discover your Masterpiece Mission, you must answer two questions about your gifts:

What are my ordinary, everyday _____ and skills?

What are my _____ gifts?

“ I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.
1 Corinthians 7:7

“ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: ‘When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.’
Ephesians 4:4-8

Every believer has at least _____ Spirit-empowered gift - and when you use it, it unleashes a supernatural impact on the heart, mind, and soul of other people.

Knowing your gifts, both natural and supernatural, is absolutely _____ to engaging your Masterpiece Mission.

 **DISCUSS**

- 1.** In Chapter 2 of Find Your Place, Rob shared the story of David's unlikely invitation. How did you respond emotionally to this section? Are you humbled by this invitation? Intimidated? Something different? Explain your answer.
- 2.** Rob wrote of God's "most likely" and "supernatural" provisions. You have those listed in our GPS profile. What "Buts" and "What Abouts" did you have in response? The "Buts" are the gifts and abilities you did not want to see and the "What Abouts" are the gift you hoped to see but did not.
- 3.** Which of the four Gift Guidelines is most important for you to remember as you develop your calling?
 - Gifts were given to make you helpful, not happy.
 - Gifts foster interdependence, not independence.
 - Gifts are a means to love more than things to love.
 - Gifts are to be used to their fullest potential.
- 4.** These gifts are deposits from God, and He is expecting a return on His investment (see parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30). How does this motivate/inspire you?
- 5.** How did the section describing the difference between natural gifts and spiritual gifts impact you personally? How did it impact you knowing that God designed you to play a part in restoring His creation back to its intended order?

 **SHARE**

Break into your groups of 3-4 people again. Share the following information and provide encouraging peer feedback to one another.

Which of your journals this week was the most meaningful to you? What did Jesus teach you and what are you going to do about it? How can we help?

What are your top 2-3 gifts and what are your top 2-3 abilities? Where have you used these gifts and abilities before in your life? Where are you using them now?

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PRAY

For Next Week:

Read Chapter 3 of Find Your Place. Be sure to journal on any meaningful verses!

Encourage everyone in the group to begin filling out the Story section of the Online GPS Assessment this week. Feel free to only answer the questions pertinent to your Gifts and Abilities. You can access your Assessment at giftpassionstory.com.

Clarify Your Passions



CONNECT

Invite everyone to share what they “wanted to be when they grew up” when they were still in elementary school. When everyone has shared, count the number of people who actually became what they were passionate about becoming when they were young. Reward those people with all of the leftover snacks.



LEARN

Watch the video and fill in the blanks.

In my Masterpiece Mission, my passions show me who and what I was made to _____ for.

“What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?

1 Samuel 17:26

“You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted...So it was, when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:45, 48

What is the name of your Goliath? _____

Who do you want to fight for? _____

What battle are you running toward? Where do you sense a problem, an injustice, a wrong that needs to be righted?

We find it helpful to break down the question of passion into three different areas:

Your _____ Passion

Your _____ Passion

Your _____ Passion



DISCUSS

1. This week's discussion is about the passions God has given to you. On a scale of 1-10, how passionate are you about your current volunteer role? If you answered less than a 6, you are indicating that you are not fulfilled with this role. How will you adjust or change your role in the upcoming weeks?
2. Have a few people share the kind of people they are most passionate about serving and why they believe they are passionate about them.
3. Have a few people share the kind of causes they are most passionate about serving and why they believe they are passionate about them.
4. Have a few people share their top two spiritual influencing styles. After reviewing the definitions of those styles, invite the rest of the group to share examples of how they have seen those styles used in a positive way in the past.
5. Fusion happens when we use our top spiritual gifts to make a difference in our area of passion. Who can share how they can use their top gifts in their area of passion in 15-20 words or less?



SHARE

Break into groups of 3-4 people. Share the following information and provide encouraging peer feedback to one another.

Which of your journals this week was the most meaningful to you? What did Jesus teach you and what are you going to do about it? How can we help?

What are your people & cause passions? What are your top two spiritual influencing styles? Have you ever used your spiritual influencing style to make a difference in your area of passion? If so, explain.

How can we pray for you as you seek to Find Your Place?



PRAY

For Next Week:

Read Chapters 4 & 5 of Find Your Place. Be sure to journal on any meaningful verses!

Encourage everyone in the group to complete the Story section of the Online GPS Assessment this week. You can access your Assessment at giftpassionstory.com.



Your Story & Your Impact



CONNECT

Have everyone share the title of their favorite movie and why that particular story is so powerful to them. After everyone has shared, have the group decide who shared the most compelling reason why their movie choice was special to them. Reward that person with all of the leftover snacks.



LEARN

Watch the video and fill in the blanks.

“Clearly you are an epistle of Christ . . . written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God.
2 Corinthians 3:3

Your life is a _____.

Your story isn't just a list of facts and events. It's a weaving of those facts and events into a narrative that has meaning, one that connects with God's larger story.

There is an _____ to your story.

Two of the biggest clues to understanding your story are your _____ and your _____.

As we look to Jesus through our blessings and our brokenness, our eyes are opened to see Him at work in our _____.

As you reflect on your story, it is helpful to break it into different _____.

There are different types of blessings:

_____ accomplishments

_____ successes

_____ relational achievements

_____ breakthroughs

“I will bless you...you will be a blessing to all people.”
Genesis 12:1-2

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

What are my _____ ?

What are/or have been my harmful _____ ?

What are my _____ ?

What have been the personal, vocational, relational and spiritual places of _____ ?

“God will never waste your brokenness. He can _____ it into something beautiful in your life and for the benefit of others. “Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”
Psalm 139:16



DISCUSS

This week's discussion is about our Story. This chapter encouraged us to look back into our lives and to see where our Gifts and Passions have been developing all along in order to determine the next step in our personal calling.

- 1.** Consider this quote: "Most of us don't take the time to reflect on our story. Furthermore, even when we do, we are so enmeshed in our story that it can be difficult, virtually impossible at times, for us to perceive its meanings and patterns. We desperately need the perspective of the Letter Writer, to be our interpreter." How easy was it for you to complete the Story portion of the GPS assessment? Explain your answer as best you can.
- 2.** If the Story portion was helpful for you, how much did the input of others help? If you did not ask for help for others, will you do so soon?
- 3.** Consider this quote: "Those that allow this false wall (between the sacred and the secular) to exist also tend to limit their list of spiritual development experiences to the sacred category." In what ways do you do this? In what ways have you been freed from this?
- 4.** We all have powerful moments in our lives that are covered by guilt & shame. Perhaps you are thinking of a few right now. Who is willing to allow those "broken" memories to be redeemed by using them to serve others? What does that look like specifically?
- 5.** You were designed for impact. God wants to make an impact in you, through you, and beyond you. What is your next "calling" step in your journey, based upon your highlight reel?
- 6.** This is the last session of the Find Your Place small group experience. Will your group commit to continually encourage one another on in the pursuit of personal calling by asking the following questions every six months or so? (Note: Assign someone to be responsible for this role and to put it on the calendar right away.)

Questions to review every six months:

Are you fruitful and fulfilled in your current serving role?

Do any new brokenness or blessedness experiences you have had in the last few months need to shape your calling? If so, how?

How does God want to stretch you in your personal calling role over the next 6 months?

**SHARE**

Break into groups of 3-4 people. Share the following information and provide encouraging peer feedback to one another.

Which of your journals this week was the most meaningful to you? What did Jesus teach you and what are you going to do about it? How can we help?

What are some of the most surprising memories this Story section brought to your mind? What emotion did these memories evoke?

What “brokenness or blessedness” memories came to mind that you did not want to share openly in the group that you can share here? What steps will you take to let God redeem those so He can use it to help others?

How can we pray for you as you seek to Find Your Place?

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