

SOUTH PARK

CHURCH



**Our vision is
to become a
church where
every one of us
is empowered
to make Christ
known wherever
we live, work
and play.**



**IN THIS PERSONAL
ASSESSMENT, WE HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPLORE HOW GOD HAS
WIRED EACH OF US TO
BEST SERVE HIM. WE WILL
TAKE STOCK OF WHAT
GOD HAS GIVEN US,
AND WHAT
OPPORTUNITIES LIE
AHEAD.**

IT IS INCREDIBLY VALUABLE TO TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON WHO GOD HAS MADE US TO BE, WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US, AND HOW HE HAS GIFTED US. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND US - THE PLACES WE LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY - AND SEE HOW WE FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN OF MAKING CHRIST KNOWN.

THIS PERSONAL PROFILE IS A TOOL AND A RESOURCE. IT IS DESIGNED TO BE A GUIDE FOR YOUR REFLECTION PROCESS AS WELL AS A CENTRALIZED PLACE TO RECORD YOUR CONCLUSIONS.

WE ARE ASKING THAT EVERY PERSON AT SOUTH PARK CHURCH TAKE THE TIME TO REFLECT AND FILL OUT THIS PROFILE FOR THEMSELVES. THE ENTIRE STAFF AND ELECTED LEADERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS. WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Instructions

There are five sections in this booklet. Each section will guide you through reflection on a particular area of your life. At the end there is a 1 page profile to record your reflections. You are encouraged to work through this assessment whichever way is most helpful for you. You could do it all in one sitting, or do one section at a time.

1. Personality



HOW
HAS GOD
"WIRED"
ME?

Why ask about personality? Our personalities are reflective of how God "wired our brains" and the people and situations that have been influential in our lives. We can each serve God and make Christ known through our unique personalities.

You may already know your personality, but we would encourage you to still go through the process of reflection and discovery. You may be surprised by something new you learn about yourself! We would also encourage you to ask close friends and family to see what they would say about you. The insight of those closest to us can be incredibly valuable.

Want to dig deeper? There are many "personality tests" out there that are available online and free to take. None of them are perfect, nor are they predictive – however, they can serve as a tool to identify patterns in how we respond to people and events around us, which can help us better understand ourselves. Visit www.truity.com for a selection of personality tests.

Here are some questions to ask yourself as you reflect:

- What words would I use to describe myself?
- What words would other people use to describe me?
- How do I relate to the world around me?
- What situations energize me?
- What situations drain me or stress me out?
- What scares me? What excites me?

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

After spending time in reflection, fill out the “personality” section of the profile on page 13 with what you learned. You can do so in the format that works best for you: lists/bullet points or sentences. You can also include frameworks or personality test results that are helpful for you (Eg. introvert/extrovert; Enneagram #7).

2. Assets



**WHAT
RESOURCES
HAS GOD GIVEN
TO YOU?**

“Asset” simply means something useful or valuable. This is a very broad category! Take time to stop and think about all the things God has given you that could be useful or valuable for God’s Kingdom.

When we spend time making a list of the things that God has given us, it can lead us to a place of thanksgiving and praise for the goodness of our Father in Heaven! And there are no wrong answers. Anything we have we can thank God for. We can then go through our list and prayerfully ask God “How can I use _____ to make Christ known?”

Once again, it can be valuable to ask a good friend. Simple questions like “What do you see that God has given me?” or “What do you think God has blessed me with?” can go a long ways!

Not sure where to start? Here are some ideas:

- What skills have you developed?
- Do you have a wide network of personal connections?
- Do you have time on your hands?
- Do you have health/energy?
- What life experience do have that is valuable?
- What resources do you have?
- What belongings do you have that could be used for God's glory?
- What else has God given you?

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

After spending time in reflection, fill out the “assets” section of the profile on page 13 with what you learned.

3. Spiritual Gifts



Spiritual gifts are supernatural endowments given sovereignly by God to believers in Jesus Christ. They are typically given at the time of conversion as either a supernatural enhancement of natural strengths and abilities developed earlier in life, or as a special endowment of ability previously unknown.

HOW HAS GOD GIFTED ME?

They are intended for use in furthering the kingdom of Christ in ministry for Him rather than for personal pride.

These gifts do not replace the need for Christian character in all areas of life. These gifts should both enable and motivate us to more effectively serve Jesus.

There are a variety of spiritual gifts listed at different points of the New Testament, and while there is no single exhaustive list, check out 1 Corinthians chapters 12 and 13, Romans chapter 12, and Ephesians 4:11 - 16.

Additionally, you can try taking an online spiritual gifts test like <https://www.adultbiblestudies.com/spiritual-gifts-survey>.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

After spending time in reflection, fill out the “spiritual gifts” section of the profile on page 13 with what you learned.

4. Passions



WHAT HAS
GOD PUT ON
MY HEART?

There are some things that our hearts are regularly drawn to, that compel us to action – *things that rarely fail to break our hearts or excite us*. This is what we mean by passions.

- Global access to clean water?
- Sports?
- Biblical Justice?
- Food?
- Introducing people to Jesus?
- Music?
- Investing in the next generation?
- Engaging the community?
- Video games?
- Partnering with schools?

Some of us aren't exactly sure what our passions are and we're still trying to figure it out! We have an idea.

Yes, you guessed it – ask a close friend or family member what they think you are passionate about!

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

After spending time in reflection, fill out the “passions” section of the profile on page 13 with what you learned.

5. Settings



**WHERE HAS
GOD PLACED
ME?**

Where do you live, work, and play? The question of where you are geographically and socially located throughout the course of your day-to-day life may be simple – but it is vitally important!

Where God has placed us RIGHT NOW is our mission field. It's our little patch of the world to make Christ known in. Although you may be in these places regularly, it can be so helpful to stop and reflect, and be reminded that you are not in these places by accident. Each of these places can be a context for you to make Christ known through your unique personality, gifting, interests, and assets.

Take some time to reflect on where God has placed you.

- Which neighborhood do you live in?
- Where do you interact with your community?
- If you have a job, where do you interact with people at work (online, in an office, in travel)?
- Where do you volunteer, when you do?
- Where do you rub shoulders with others in your exercise or hobby routines?

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

After spending time in reflection, fill out the “settings” section of the profile on page 13 with what you learned.

**Let us help you take
the next step!**

Stop by the Welcome Center
with your booklet
or email a picture of page 13
to info@southparkchurch.org

PERSONAL PROFILE FOR:

NAME: _____

1. Personality - How has God wired me?

2. Assets - What resources has God given to You?

3. Spiritual Gifts - How has God Gifted me?

4. Passions - Where has God put on my heart?

5. Setting - Where has God placed me?

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