

REALIGN

FACILITATOR GUIDE

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE: Sometime this week text your group this fun challenge—take a selfie pic with something or someone who reminds them of a Scripture verse. Text the pic along with the verse to everyone in your group. It could be anything from something fun to something inspiring.

CPC HAPPENINGS... (Leaders, please share with your group. We want to do everything to keep people connected to the entire church family.)

There's lots of things happening at Connection Point!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Sunday, February 21, 1:30-3:30 PM Register now online for childcare. yourcpc.church/events

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Even kids need a night out! Parents, drop off your kids Friday, February 12 at 5:30 pm at the Jackson Civic Center for food, fun, games, prizes, and oh so much more! Dinner is pizza, drinks and of course, dessert. Cost is \$5 per child at the door with cash or card. All kids ages 4yrs to 6th grade are welcome! Register your kids online at yourcpc.church/events

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, join Lisa Vaught Tuesday night, February 16 for a fun night! This month's special guest speaker will be Faith Detweiler! You won't want to miss her energy and insight! A nursery will be available for little ones, but you will need to pre-register on the events page of the church website for childcare. It all starts at 6:30 PM.

STOKING THE FIRE

This is a really helpful marriage enrichment class. Mike and Marcia Bloom will lead the seminar leaders. Sign up for the event on the church website's events page. It takes place at the CPC campus February 19 & 20. So get signed up right away to reserve your space!

WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE...

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?

Did you reach your goal? If not, what kept you from it? If you did, what did it take to get there?

If a person desires to have a particular career, what are some of the steps they can expect to take to get there? **[Special training/schooling, growing passion for the work, determination, dedication to the process, patience waiting for the right time, the application process to show you are available, references from people who confirm that you are a ready candidate for the position, etc.]**

This week Pastor Chris began a new sermon series called REALIGN.

If something needs to be “realigned” what did he say that suggests? **[At some point, it was aligned, but now it’s not. It has gotten out of alignment at some point.]**

At what point were we all fully aligned with God’s plan for us? **[At birth.]**

Psalm 139:13-16 (TPT)—You formed my innermost being, shaping my delicate inside and my intricate outside, and wove them all together in my mother’s womb. 14 I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything you do is marvelously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it! How thoroughly you know me, Lord! 15 You even formed every bone in my body when you created me in the secret place, carefully, skillfully shaping me from nothing to something. 16 You saw who you created me to be before I became me! Before I’d ever seen the light of day, the number of days you planned for me were already recorded in your book.

[Notice verse 16 “You saw who you created me to be before I became me!” God had plans for you before you were even born. David alludes to the idea that God begins His association with us at the moment of conception.]

Remember the account of a pregnant Mary who went to visit her older relative Elizabeth who was very pregnant with John the Baptist.

Luke 1:41 (TPT)— At the moment she heard Mary’s voice, the baby[a] within Elizabeth’s womb jumped and kicked. And suddenly, Elizabeth was filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit!

And John the Baptist spent the rest of his life pointing to Jesus and telling everyone that He was the Son of God who takes away sins! John lived a life aligned with the destiny God had planned for him since his conception! So what destiny does God have for you? There are two components to look at.

1. A **UNIVERSAL** PURPOSE

Romans 8:29— For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

What is the universal purpose God has for all His children? [God’s predetermined purpose is for you to be transformed into the IMAGE of His Son, Jesus.]

2. AN INDIVIDUAL PURPOSE

Proverbs 16:9—In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

Proverbs 19:21—Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)—Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

God has a personal destiny for you. Some people have hopes of a certain career path and God allows them to pursue their dream, while some people He calls into a particular career that He desires. Either way, God wants your goals to align with His will for you. Remember, if it contradicts what you know of God according to the Bible, then it's not His will for you.

HOW HAS GOD SHAPED YOU?

For all your life God has been shaping and preparing you for His purposes. How He does this can be found in the acronym S.H.A.P.E.

S — SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)—God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Romans 12:6-8 — In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

According to Romans 12, what are some of the special gifts God gives? [**Prophecy (The word is used far more to proclaim a Word from God rather than to predict the future), serving, teaching, encouragement, giving generously, leadership skills, and kindness.**]

H — HEART

Psalm 37:4 (ESV)—Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

List at least one of your greatest hopes and desires.

A — ABILITIES

1 Corinthians 12:5-6 (ESV) — And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

What is a talent you have? [**Artistic, construction, mechanical, good cook, writing, athletic, musical, etc.**]

P — PERSONALITY

Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV)—Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

What is your personality like?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun-loving | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loud | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agreeable | <input type="checkbox"/> Stubborn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxious | <input type="checkbox"/> Trusting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impulsive | <input type="checkbox"/> Cautious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grumpy | <input type="checkbox"/> Easy-going |

[**God can use your character attributes to accomplish His will. However, if you have a characteristic that goes against God's character (like anger, gossiping, lying, etc) He will not use. You must repent of those things.**]

E — EXPERIENCES

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)—We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

How might God use your life experiences? **[To help other people get through the same thing. To teach you a lesson that will help you later. To use it as a witness of the goodness of God.]**

GET IN THE WAY!

In his message, Pastor Chris used the illustration of needing a chiropractor. What happens when one part of our body is out of alignment? **[It causes pain in other parts of the body.]**

What happens when one part of our life is out of alignment? **[It's like a chain reaction—the results show up in other parts of our life—home, finances, job, children, other relationships, etc.]**

When a baby is born, what kind of hopes do you think the parents have for him/her?

What kind of things can keep that child from achieving everything the parents intended? **[Bad choices, rejection of the parents' desires, impatience/ too lazy to go through the process, etc.]**

On the day you were born, what kind of dreams do you think God had for your life?

What does it mean for our lives to be “in alignment” with God? **[We are headed in the direction that God had hoped for us. We are obedient to God's commands, allowing Him to use us through any circumstance as He sees fit.]**

How important is alignment to God's purposes to your success?

PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for believing in you enough to give your life a purpose and meaning.
- Ask God to show you the places of your life that are out of alignment with Him.
- Surrender to God all the areas of your life that make up your SHAPE.
- Ask God to help you realign yourself to His desire for your destiny.