



GET IN THE GAME – NO. 1

DESIGNED to Serve

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Theme: Discovering how God designed us gives us a better understanding as to how He wants us to serve Him with our lives.

You don't have to travel very far around the world to discover very quickly that God loves variety. He made all the different shapes, sizes and colors that we see around us. He also likes variety in people. In fact, the Bible draws our attention to three important principles about you (Ps.139:13-14; Job 10:8):

- You are unique: There's no one in the world quite like you.
- You are wonderfully complex: We are often a mystery to ourselves.
- God designed you for a purpose: He made you exactly the way you are.

How do we know what God's purpose is for our lives? We need to examine our unique design. The five factors of your DESIGN will tell you what God wants you to do with your life.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

Looking back, what has been your most enjoyable job (career) or area of service? What made it so enjoyable?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

Read Psalm 139:13-14 and Job 10:8

1. What examples can you think of (from the sermon, or otherwise) that reveal that God loves variety?

2. According to the sermon, the five factors that make up your DESIGN will tell you what God wants you to do with your life vocationally and/or in terms of ministry. What do the following letters represent in the acronym DESIGN? What would be an example of each?

D = D _____.

E = E _____.

S = S _____.

I = I _____.

G = G _____.

N = N _____.

3. Let's consider the DESIGN of the Apostle Paul. Look up the following Bible references and summarize Paul's DESIGN:

D = Romans 15:20: _____.

E = 2 Cor.11:23-27; 2 Cor.12:2-7: _____.

S = Acts 18:3-4: _____.

I = Galatians 1:13-14: _____.

G = 2 Timothy 1:11: _____.

N = Galatians 2:8; Acts 20:24a: _____.

4. Does becoming a Christian change a person's basic DESIGN? Why or why not?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

1. Based on your current understanding of the acronym, DESIGN, how well does your current career/job or your activity in retirement reflect your DESIGN? How does your service in the church line up with your DESIGN?
2. In what job or ministry would you be the most effective in fulfilling God's purpose for your life and give you the most satisfaction? Why?
3. The sermon mentioned some action steps as being helpful in order to discover or better understand your unique DESIGN. What are the action steps? Which ones are you willing to take?
4. What fears or concerns do you have as you begin this journey?
5. Are you willing to surrender yourself and this process to the Lord?

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

As you begin this journey, pray that the way forward will be guided by the Lord for yourself and the other members of your Small Group or class.