



Theme: God wants each of us to discover what He made us to do and then do it for His glory!

The Bible emphasizes very clearly that you are not an accident, the result of chance, or the product of evolution. God created you (Ps. 139:13-14). In fact, He not only formed and shaped your body, but every other area of your life. You are a unique combination of numerous factors. We can summarize these factors in an acronym based on the word **DESIGN**: God has given you **D**esires, **E**xperiences, **S**kills, **I**ndividuality, and **G**ifts. And, when we discover and follow these five factors, we find our **N**iche, or what it is that God shaped and formed us to do.

Today we want to look at the first of these five factors: the importance of discovering and following our God-given Desires.

You are encouraged to prepare for your life group discussion by first using the **Discovering Your Desires** assessment tool, which is available at our website: ccrochester.org/next-steps/get-in-the-game.

Gathering Together »

Tell about a person you know of who followed his/her passion with great results.

Growing Together »

1. **Read Matthew 20:20-28 (Mark 10:35-45)**. How is God's view of a person's greatness different from the world's view? Tell about a person you know who *lives out* God's view of greatness.
2. In this study, by desire we mean, "your passions, your interests, and your emotional heartbeat"? When you read those phrases, what are some of the things you think of?
3. **Read Psalm 139:13-18**. God has shaped you. What does this tell you about your value, your worth, and many of your desires?
4. An "emotional heartbeat" is what you feel inside when it races for some things and not for others. What kinds of things (people, issues, causes, enjoyment) make your heart beat emotionally? Describe one or two of your significant heartbeats (desires/passions).

5. "Most people do not go after their dream in life." Would you agree with this statement? Why or why not? What, if anything, is keeping you from following your God given desires?

6. In the movie, *Chariots of Fire*, Olympic runner Eric Liddell tells his sister, "I believe that God made me for a purpose. He also made me fast, and when I run, I feel His pleasure." How would you personalize the following sentence:

"God made me _____ (your desire/fast), and when I _____ (activity/run), I feel His pleasure."

Getting Real with One Another »

Reference your "Discovering Your Desires" assessment tool.

1. As a result of working through the assessment tool, what would you say are your top 2 or 3 passions or desires?
2. As you look over the *Ministry Category Chart*, in which category do you see your best fit so far? Why?

Group Prayer Time »

In addition to praying for the personal needs of group members, take time to pray that each person would come to understand his/her Desires and be willing to follow them, if not in a career, then in an area of ministry.