

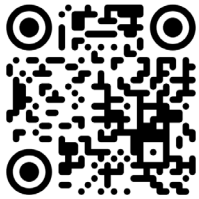


Apprenticeship | Hope Channel Canada

STUDY GUIDE

SEASON 1, EPISODE 2: SHAPED

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Welcome to the study guide for The Apprenticeship TV show on Hope Channel Canada!

This study guide is designed for use in a small group setting. Not sure what group you can use this with? Well, you can start with your family! You can invite another family or two to join you. Or you can create a small group of your own.

Not currently part of a small group, and not ready yet to create one? No problem. You can still work through the study guide for your own personal reflection and development!

Now, let's get started!

Getting Started

This “Getting Started” section is designed to create a warm and inviting atmosphere for your small group discussions. Let's dive into three engaging activities that will help break the ice and prepare your hearts and minds for meaningful conversation.

Remember, these are just suggestions – feel free to adapt them to suit your group's unique dynamics and needs.

NAME GAME WITH A TWIST

Ask participants to introduce themselves by sharing their name and an unusual or interesting fact about themselves that relates to their personal growth or a life-changing experience. For example, “I'm Sarah, and I once learned the value of perseverance by completing a marathon I thought I'd never finish.” This activity helps break the ice and introduces the theme of personal development.

LIFE TIMELINE

Provide participants with paper and markers. Ask them to draw a simple timeline of their lives, marking 3-5 significant moments or experiences that have shaped who they are today. Encourage them to include both positive and challenging experiences. After a few minutes, invite volunteers to share one moment from their timeline and how it contributed to their personal growth. This activity relates to the main topic by illustrating how various life events shape us over time.

Apprentice's Creed: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love others as well as you love yourself." (Mark 12:30-31 CEB/MSG)

LOVE IN ACTION

Divide participants into pairs. Ask each person to share a brief story about a time when they experienced or witnessed an act of love that embodied both love for God and love for others. After sharing, have them discuss how that act of love might have shaped the person who performed it. This activity connects to the Apprentice's creed by exploring how loving God and others contributes to our personal growth and preparation for serving in God's kingdom.

In His Footsteps

This portion of the study guide is based on the "In His Footsteps" segment of Shaped, season 1, episode 2, of The Apprenticeship.

You can watch the segment as a group or individually!

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SUMMARY

- The segment focuses on Luke 1:5-25, which foretells John the Baptist's birth.
- Key verse: Luke 1:6 - "Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations."
- Zechariah, a priest, encounters the angel Gabriel who announces the birth of his son.
- The story connects to Old Testament prophecies and God's larger plan for humanity.
- Zechariah's initial doubt reveals a hidden form of atheism - knowing but not truly believing.
- God sees both our current state and our potential, working continuously for our good.

Keep in Mind: With God, we can **KNOW** what we believe and **BELIEVE** what we know.

PERSONAL REFLECTION TIME

Take some time to prayerfully read the Bible passage for this segment. It may be a familiar passage, but slow down! Try to read it as though it is new to you.

Bible Reading for the Week: Luke 1:5-25

Memory Verse for the Week: Luke 1:6

Challenge yourself to memorize the weekly memory verse!

Work through the following seven reflection questions. Be prepared to share at least one of your answers with your group!

1. What is happening in this passage?
2. What stuck out to me?
3. What can I learn about God and His Kingdom?
4. In what ways can I grasp the love and service of Jesus in this passage?
5. How should I love and serve according to Jesus' example?
6. What specific steps can I take to apply these lessons in my life?
7. How can I share these lessons with others today?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

You can work through the following questions on your own and share your thoughts with your group. Or your group can work through the questions together. Whichever suits your group's dynamic and needs!

ACTIVITY 1: THE REARVIEW RENDEZVOUS

1. How does Zechariah's reaction to Gabriel's message reflect the struggle between knowledge and faith in our own lives?
2. In what ways does God's view of Zechariah and Elizabeth (as righteous) challenge our understanding of faith and obedience?

ACTIVITY 2: THE HORIZON HUNTERS

1. Research the prophecy in Malachi that Gabriel quotes in Luke 1:17. How does this connection emphasize God's faithfulness to His promises?
2. Reflect on the meaning of Zechariah and Elizabeth's names. How do these meanings relate to God's character as revealed in this passage?

ACTIVITY 3: ENGAGE-IN-ACTION

1. Identify an area in your life where you might be exhibiting "hidden atheism." How can you work to align your beliefs with your actions in this area?
2. Create a personal prayer or affirmation based on Luke 1:6 to help you remain "careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations."

In His Workshop

This portion of the study guide is based on the "In His Workshop" segment of Shaped, season 1, episode 2, of The Apprenticeship.

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SUMMARY

- Jesus was a carpenter before His ministry, transforming wood into useful items.
- This serves as an analogy for His work in shaping people's lives.
- God has a plan for each person and shapes them over time.
- We have the choice to cooperate with God's plan or not.
- Three benefits of recognizing God's activity in our lives:
 1. Recognizing God's Sovereignty
 2. Becoming proactive in our development
 3. Recognizing God's shaping activity in others
- Understanding God's work in our lives helps us support others in their journey.

Keep in Mind: When we remember that God is Sovereign, we can have peace at any point in our journey. We can rest assured that He IS at work in our lives. He hasn't forgotten. He's still present and active, working for our good.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

You can work through the following questions on your own and share your thoughts with your group. Or your group can work through the questions together. Whichever suits your group's dynamic and needs!

ACTIVITY 1: THE REARVIEW RENDEZVOUS

1. How does Jesus' role as a carpenter relate to His ministry of shaping people's lives? Reflect on how this analogy applies to your own spiritual journey.
2. Consider the three benefits of recognizing God's activity in our lives. Which one resonates most with you and why?

ACTIVITY 2: THE HORIZON HUNTERS

1. Read Ephesians 2:10 and Psalm 32:8. How do these verses support the idea that God has a plan for each person and is actively shaping their lives?
2. Explore the concept of being "God's masterpiece" (Ephesians 2:10). What does this mean to you personally, and how might it influence your perspective on life's challenges?

ACTIVITY 3: ENGAGE-IN-ACTION

1. Take a moment to reflect on your life. Can you identify an area where you feel God is currently shaping you? How can you actively cooperate with His work in this area?
2. Think of someone in your life who may be going through a challenging time. How can you support them by recognizing God's shaping activity in their life? Plan one specific action you can take this week to encourage them.

The Rescue Worker

This portion of the study guide is based on the "Rescue Worker" segment of Shaped, season 1, episode 2, of The Apprenticeship.

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SUMMARY

- 9/11 Heroism: Rick Rescorla, a security guard at the Twin Towers, used his military background to prepare and save 2,700 people during the 9/11 attacks by organizing evacuation drills.
- Spiritual Parallel: The story of Rick Rescorla is paralleled with God's rescue mission for humanity from sin, likened to a collapsing building.
- Transformation and Mission: God transforms us internally and invites us to be His "rescue workers," helping others in their spiritual journey.
- RESCUE Acronym:
 - R - Roots: Establish a deep relationship with Jesus as the foundation.
 - E - Edification: Align heart, soul, and mind with God's values.
 - S - Service: Serve others by aligning actions with God's purpose.
 - C - Community: Foster unity and fellowship, which is what Jesus prayed for His disciples.
 - U - Upbringing: Develop spiritually under God's guidance.
 - E - Evangelism: Share the message of reconciliation as Christ's ambassadors.

Keep in Mind: We are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

You can work through the following questions on your own and share your thoughts with your group. Or your group can work through the questions together. Whichever suits your group's dynamic and needs!

ACTIVITY 1: THE REARVIEW RENDEZVOUS

1. Reflect on Rick Rescorla's actions during 9/11. How do his actions illustrate the concept of selfless service? Consider how this relates to the Christian call to serve others.
2. Think about the analogy of sin as a collapsing building. How does this imagery help you understand the urgency of spiritual rescue? What personal experiences can you relate to this metaphor?

ACTIVITY 2: THE HORIZON HUNTERS

1. Read Matthew 13:3-9, the Parable of the Sower. How does this parable illustrate the importance of having deep spiritual roots? Discuss how these roots can impact your faith journey.
2. Consider Jesus' commandment in Matthew 22:37-39 about loving God and your neighbour. How do these commandments guide you in aligning your innermost self with God's truth? Reflect on practical ways to live out these commandments daily.

ACTIVITY 3: ENGAGE-IN-ACTION

1. Identify one area in your life where you can serve others more effectively. How can you align your actions with God's purpose for service? Plan a specific action you will take this week to serve someone in need.
2. Community is vital to Christian faith. Reflect on your current involvement in your community or church. What steps can you take to foster unity and fellowship among those around you? Consider joining or starting a small group focused on mutual support and spiritual growth.

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Commandments	Foretelling	Masterpiece
Edification	Redemption	Sanctuary
Ambassador	Elizabeth	Carpenter
Zechariah	Evangelism	Sovereign
Workshop	Incense	Community
Righteous	Disciples	Footsteps
Gabriel	Messiah	Kingdom
Rescue		



