

# More.

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## INTRODUCTION

**PART 4:** Being used by God begins with using our talents.

We only get one life here on earth. The more we get to know God, the more we realize that we're not here to help ourselves to more; we're here to help others experience real life. In the process, we experience more in this life and become more like our heavenly Father.

In this series, we'll take a look at making our lives count for eternity by making more of the life we're living. .

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of a time when you had no idea where your life was headed? When was it, and what did that feel like?
2. Our culture shapes us with a desire to accomplish, achieve, and leave a footprint in the world. Do you feel this pressure in your life now? In what ways is this healthy? Unhealthy?
3. Read Exodus 31:1-11. Have you ever heard this story before? What sticks out to you?
4. God gave Bezalel a big opportunity, but first God gave him talents. What can we learn from this?
5. Our talents are the skills, spiritual gifts, abilities, personality traits, and defining experiences that God has uniquely given us. What are some of your talents?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What is the goal of using our gifts? What are some alternate goals people use their gifts for?
7. Rather than waiting for our big opportunity to be used by God, we should see that God wants to use us now through our talents. What are some ways you're already using your talents to serve others? What are some ways you could begin to use them?

## APPLICATION

You can begin to discover the gifts given to you by God by taking a spiritual gifts assessment at [theridge.church/spiritualgifts](http://theridge.church/spiritualgifts).

How does God want you to use your talents? What opportunities do you need to step into? What people do you need to serve? When we come to God humbly with open hands, saying, "Use me, I'm willing," God often puts opportunities in our mind or in our way.

The challenge today is to keep praying until God shows you how he wants to use you. Let's make sure we're not waiting for THE big opportunity, when there are opportunities right in front of us to use the talents God has given us to serve others. Being used by God begins with using our talents.

## KEY VERSES

Exodus 31:1-11

Exodus 25:8

Exodus 40:34

1 Peter 4:10-11