**LTCL 2024 Week 3 Ppt CF Notes:**

**Slide 16 – S.H.A.P.E [H]eart – Passions**

CRAIG - (Already have Passions Worksheet from last week)

Most of us have people’s stories or situations or issues that **move us to tears**, or cause us to fall on our **knees** and give us a **strong desire to do something**. For me, the **last 13 years** that something has been helping job seekers understand God’s calling on their life, their gifting and wiring in order to find a job that fits them and to help them fight discrimination against the unemployed and ageism.

**What brings you to tears or to pray harder?** Sometimes it’s a people group, an issue, an impact you are having or an environment you are in.

That something is called a Passion. Passions ignite us – positively and sometimes negatively.

(BT set this up last week and told the 1/3 part.) Based on our history in doing this course there are about a third of you who can’t think of anything that impacts them in this way without some help. So over the years we’ve developed some tools to help you identify your passions. We gave you the passions worksheet to help you in taking the assessment so you’ve spent some time on this already as you completed the assessment.

Let’s go over the categories. Passions can come from caring about certain **people groups** – perhaps you identify with them from your past or present or someone in your family falls in that area. A great biblical example of that is found in Nehemiah when Nehemiah is upset to hear about the distress of people and the city of Jerusalem. The Bible says Nehemiah sat down and wept and mourned for days; and was fasting and praying. You know the rest of the story.

Next there are **special issues** – causes that make you angry, bring joy or great concern. They can develop because you’ve personally experienced significant joy or pain surrounding those areas.

Passions can also be reflected in the **things you love to do** or in the way you know you can make an **impact**. I can tell you that Becky lights up when she’s working on training material and she’s teaching a class. Is there something you just love to do?

Perhaps there are specific **environments** you feel called to serve. Some of you are really good in the business world, others in education and still others at a hospital.

You can record your key passions in your Oak or your SHAPE box.

When thinking about those issues, people or struggles in particular, it’s beneficial to remember the phrase **“God doesn’t waste a hurt.”** In other words, that very difficult challenge you experienced and God brought you though to victory may be the very thing He wants you to use in your ministry to others.

“The bottom line is that God has put certain passions within you; deep in your core, and those passions will inevitably fuel the specific purpose He created you for.” Blueprint for Life

**Slide 17** – S.H.A.P.E [H]eart – Life Values

CRAIG **- 21 = 3 CraigTeaching + 15 in class exercise + 3 Big group Discussion**

Similar to Passions are **Values**. They’re **hardwired into your** **heart** and become the driving forces of your life. When you are in touch with your God-given values, it will rearrange and direct your energies, your time, and your thoughts. If you ignore them, sooner or later you’ll be miserable. It’s not uncommon for a job seeker to tell us they quit their job because they were asked to do something unethical or dishonest. If you identify and pursue them, you’ll unleash your potential and set yourself up for fulfillment and success.

**What is most important in your life? Where do you refuse to bend?** That’s a life value. It’s a driving desire or priority—perhaps different from anyone else you know—that God has placed inside of you to help you know where to aim your life. What’s unusual about you? What do you value? How do you uncover your core values?

You may want to begin by identifying some biblical values that apply to everyone. Honesty, compassion, diligence, patience, humility—these moral virtues and many others aren’t optional. They’re God’s way, and they lead to God’s best for everyone. For more on what the Bible has to say on these universally recognized virtues, read the book of Proverbs, Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, or the book of James. And remember: biblical values are not right because they’re in the Bible; they’re in the Bible because they’re right.

Spend 15 minutes identifying your most important values using your handout. Narrow it down to 5-7 very high life values.

**Slide 18** – S.H.A.P.E [H]eart – Dreams

CRAIG - Some of you came into this course with a God sized dream for some difference He wants you to make. It may be something that if money were no object you would pursue it? It’s those last couple of things on your SHAPE assessment and it asks what is the number one thing that I believe God wants to accomplish through me?

As Craig Groeschel shares in his book Chazown, When God gives you a dream, you will be anything but comfortable. Why? Because *God’s vision for you is bigger than you can imagine and impossible for you to do on your own.*

God’s vision for your life is such that when you see it, your first thought will be, *how can I possibly do this?* The truth is *you can’t*.

God will call you to do something you can’t do on your own, so you will have to take a step of faith into the unknown. The only way you’ll accomplish it is to trust God. That way, when God accomplishes His purpose through you, God will get all the credit. This is something God is going to continue to reveal to you and you should continue to pray and listen.

**Slide 19** – Eric Liddell Chariots of Fire

CRAIG - 1 video

NOT EMBEDDED, just a screen shot.

Video to embed:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ile5PD34SS0>

**Slide 20** – Oaks of Righteousness Personal Worksheet

CRAIG - So again going back to your Oaks personal worksheet, once you have had the chance to work on the things we’ve covered today, You’ll be able to begin to fill in these different areas of your Oak.

Feel free to do free hand. This is Becky’s and she simply added text boxes here so that you all could actually read it from the screen.

We are making progress! And what I love to do and encourage you to do is to look to see if you can see any patterns or insights emerging already! You often can!

**Slide 21** – My Life Growth Plan – Page 1 Dori’s Version

CRAIG - **Craig’s results so far using the Box version**

**​Slide 22** –BLESS Every Disciple’s Normal On-Going Gospel Influence Activities

CRAIG - **Prayer, Care, Share,** BLESS is an acronym for five life patterns that Jesus and his early disciples constantly modeled. BLESS defines a good neighbor and friend. We see BLESS as every disciple’s approach to influencing people far from God with the love of Jesus Christ.

**B**egin with Prayer

Praying regularly for the same heart and love for people that Jesus has.

Praying regularly for people far from God in your spheres of influence (FRANC).

**L**isten with Care

• Entering spiritual conversations by asking questions, listening, and formulating Jesus-honoring responses.
**E**at Together
• Sharing meals with people who don’t yet know Christ personally.

**S**erve with Love
• Serving people and inviting them to help you in different ways.

**S**hare Your Story and God’s Story

Sharing your salvation story in relevant ways. Speaking openly about your

relationship with Christ and sharing how He is influencing your life

Sharing a simple Gospel illustration clearly and inviting people to trust and follow Jesus Christ.

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**Slide 23** - FRANC- People far from God in my spheres of influence I pray for regularly

CRAIG - Rate My Outreach Temperature (1–10):

**Apathy**

\*Unaware \*Disobedient \*Hostility

**Growing Passion**

\*Love for God & People \*Desire & Prayer \*Building Relationships

**Growing Practice**

\*Learning Methods \*Trying & Improving \*Spiritual Dialogue

**Growing Influence**

\*God Uses Me
\*People Believe in Christ \*High Influence