## SERMON REFLECTIONS

## **Shaped For Serving God**

Ephesians 2:10 | 16 February 2025 | Rev Timothy Yong

## **Reflection Questions**

- 1. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we are God's handiwork, created for good works. How does recognizing yourself as God's masterpiece change the way you view your role in serving Him and others?
- 2. The sermon highlighted that ministry is not complicated, unusual, or optional. In what ways have you viewed serving God as something only for "certain people," and how does this message challenge that perspective?
- 3. What specific steps can you take to overcome obstacles like busyness or perfectionism, so that you can be more available and faithful in serving God?



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- 1. Nebuchadnezzar had a "vision" in his dream the Great Tree being cut down. He was frightened/troubled and even when the meaning of the dream/vision was explained to him, he did not obey to do what is right. In the book of Daniel, God allowed Daniel to see many "visions" (other persons' dreams or even visions of the heavens and the future), and he was always faithful and obedient to God.
  - a) What are the things which capture the visions of people today (whether for good or for bad)?
  - b) What are some possible ambitions and plans that people might have for their lives? [if you are willing, can you share an ambition or plan you have, or used to have when you were younger]
  - c) From the Bible, what can you discern are God's vision/purposes for His people? [if you are willing, and you are quite sure about it, can you share what you know are God's plans for your life?]
- 2. God took away Nebuchadnezzar's sanity and made him to live like a wild animal for seven years but restored him when he repented, because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). There are three possible types of pride which God resists:
  - Arrogance
  - Self-centred type of self-sufficiency
  - False humility
  - a) Do you know of anyone (perhaps even a Christian) who is proud (in an ungodly way)? Share what this person's pride is about.
  - b) Have you been proud in a way that God would resist? Are you willing to humble yourself, repent and seek never to be proud in an ungodly way?



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We exist to make disciples who love God, love one another and love the lost

