



The process of creating a life mission statement is a spiritual experience that can have a significant, long lasting effect on your life. We want to encourage you to enter into this exercise with an open heart and mind.

- **Please keep in mind that this is not a perfect process.** Although a life mission statement should guide you throughout the seasons of your life, you have to allow it to be a process in which you truly discover who God has made you to be through ongoing study of the Bible, prayer, the leading of the Holy Spirit and the input of trusted members of the body of Christ. Your statement may be refined as you continue to learn more about yourself and God's design for you as a person.
- **A large portion of your life mission statement will be determined by your God given SHAPE.** The SHAPE class is designed to help you discover your: Spiritual gifts, Heart (passions), Abilities, Personality and Experiences. If you have not taken this class or have not gone through a process similar to SHAPE, you may have difficulty creating a life mission statement. River City offers the SHAPE class a few times each year and we strongly encourage everyone in our church family to take it. The next SHAPE class is scheduled to start on Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204.

**STEP****1****WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE?**

Choose a noun, something that you can be for a lifetime regardless of your station in life. In some rare circumstances the answer to this question might change, but generally you should select a noun that you are willing to give you direction amid any circumstances or relationships.

*Examples: friend, leader, motivator, mentor, disciple-maker, thinker, reformer, philosopher, shepherd, etc.*

**STEP****2****HOW CAN YOU BECOME THIS?**

What verbs best describe your primary, significant activities in life (keeping your SHAPE in mind)?

*Examples: inspire, love, serve, lead, listen, write, speak, teach, model, guide, etc.*

**STEP****3****WHO DO YOU WANT TO IMPACT WITH YOUR SHAPE?**

Considering your SHAPE, what types of people are you most likely to influence? Try to identify people groups rather than specific individuals.

*Examples: family, friends, students, parents, children, neighbors, co-workers, foreigners, marginalized, men, women, athletes, business people, etc.*

**STEP****4****WHY DO YOU WANT TO LIVE THIS KIND OF LIFE?**

Describe your motivation in an end-product kind of statement. Take into account your passions.

*Examples: Make disciples, witness for Christ, empower others, create freedom, provide hope, challenge complacency, etc.*

## STEP 5

### PUT THE IDEAS TOGETHER.

*Example:*

*For Step 1: A healer of past hurts*

*For Step 2: lead, counsel, listen, love, guide*

*For Step 3: damaged people*

*For Step 4: to set people free from their past hurts live in Christ's freedom.*

## STEP 6

### WRITE A LIFE MISSION STATEMENT.

*Example:*

*I am called to pursue godliness so that I can help heal people's hurts from their past by listening, loving, guiding and counseling damaged people to be set free to live in Christ's freedom.*

## STEP 7

### REMIND YOURSELF REGULARLY OF YOUR LIFE MISSION STATEMENT.

Ideas:

- Commit the statement to memory.
- Print your statement on a card and put it in your Bible, place it on your fridge or cubicle or mirror, or keep it on the dashboard of your car.
- Share your statement with a spouse, mentor, accountability partner, fellow growth group member, friend or family member.
- Add a reminder on your calendar every couple of months so that you take some time to reflect on your progress.

**If at any point you need help or clarification in this process, please email us at [info@rivercitychristian.org](mailto:info@rivercitychristian.org).**