

Title: Custom Built
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Discussion question.

- What is it that makes you unique / different / special?

Custom build

Psalm 139:13-16

¹³For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Purpose built

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

a. Find true north

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (The Message)

¹⁴But don't let it faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers – ¹⁵why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another – showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. ¹⁷Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

b. Intellectual community

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8 (The Message)

⁸I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work...

Proverbs 3:5-8

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. ⁸It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

Proverbs 26:12

¹²Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Romans 12:16

¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

c. Follow the voice

John 10:2-4, 27

²"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice... ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Isaiah 30:21

²¹Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

d. Keep your priorities right

Matthew 6:33

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

e. Be planted

Psalms 92:13-15

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, ¹⁵to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Ephesians 4:11-15 (NLT)

¹¹Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹²Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the

truth. ¹⁵Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

The first step

Acts 10:38

³⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.