

My Plan

In one of your Be the Body readings, you read...

The door is shut, the players are dressed, and the coach stands in the middle of the circled team. They know the game plan; they've studied it all week. With a bit more passion and focus, though, the coach restates their plan...

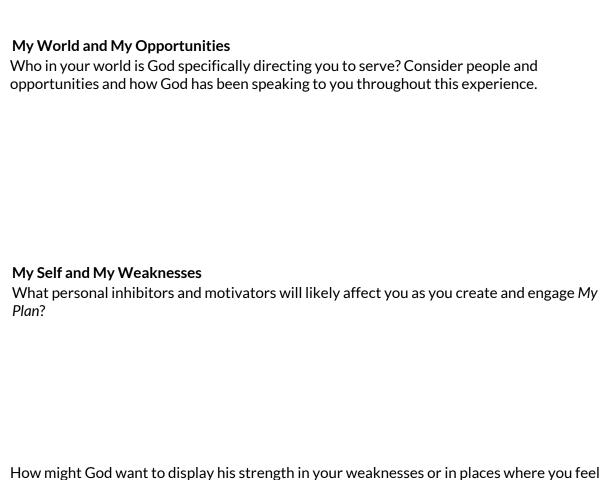
What's your plan? How will you take the insights gained and fully engage the body of Christ? How will you use your gifts, talents, and resources? What do you hear God calling you to do?

The exercise that follows is not a time to think in generalities. It's a time to get specific and dive into the details. It's not a time to dream. It's a time to commit. Which people does God want you to serve? When and how will you serve them? Which cause does God want you to engage? When and how will you engage it? What specific lifestyle changes do you need to make? When and how will you make them?

The pages that follow will guide you through a process of pulling together previous insights from the *Be the Body* outcome and turn these insights into the next steps you will pursue.

First Stage My Portfolio

Throughout this *Be the Body* outcome, you have been building a portfolio. Now, at the end of this experience, you are asked to thoughtfully pull it all together. Pull from your thoughts gained from previous *Be the Body* exercises. Listen for God's guidance and record thoughts and ideas that will most directly impact your plan.



unqualified or inadequate?



My Gifts Summarize your spiritual gift(s) here:
How do you sense the Spirit wanting to work through your gifts as you create and engage My Plan?
My Resources How is God leading you to steward your resources to most effectively create and engage My Plan?
My Network How can you effectively tap the resources of My Network as you create and engage My Plan?



Second Stage My Plan

What's your plan? Not just your dream or your vision, as important as they may be, but the steps you will take to more fully participate in the body of Christ. Ephesians tells us that God has good works he has "prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). To the best of your knowledge, describe these good works for you and your best next steps to do them. Are there specific people whom God is asking you to serve? causes he is calling you to engage? lifestyle adjustments (career, finances, etc.) he is prompting you to make?

Be specific and direct. Your plan might be simple, a single step you will engage that will lead to many other steps over your lifetime. Or your plan may be more involved, a multistep process where you will methodically and more deeply participate in the body of Christ. The pages that follow are intentionally flexible and open. If you need a bulleted list, then make a bulleted list. If you'd do better to write out a sequence of numbered steps, then use these pages to do so. Most importantly, listen to what you've learned, and listen for the voice of God.



Third Stage My Commitment

Finally, write a prayer to God that...

- 1) acknowledges and prays for the specific area (people, cause, lifestyle change, etc.) you sense God directing you to, and
- 2) expresses your commitment to say "yes" to God in this area.

Once you've written the prayer, pray it to God by reading it aloud. As you pray, listen for God's response. Specifically, listen for any immediate next steps to which he may direct you, and if needed, make adjustments to *My Plan*.

Prayer:	