

personality type.

- Acts 9:26-27 Note how Barnabas was used by God to reconcile.
- Acts 4:36 What does Barnabas' name mean?
- Acts 15:36-41 again. How did Barnabas' attitude differ from Paul's?

4. C – Compliant/Melancholy/Beaver

A “C” personality type is someone that likes to draw inside the lines. They are detail oriented and concerned about the rules. They are analytical and love to figure things out. The biblical character who represents the C personality type is the Apostle John. Read these passages and try to point out how they demonstrate that John was a “C” personality type.

- Luke 9:54 What was John's response to those who did not respond properly to Jesus, to those who “broke the rules” so to speak?
- How does John's writing of the Book of Revelation demonstrate his “C” personality type?

Which personality type do you think best describes you and why?

Which personality type best describes your spouse and why?

What other relationships in your life can benefit from a greater understanding of these personality types? Please explain.

Personal Application

How will this lesson impact the way you view your spouse, your children, coworkers, etc?

Prayer

Ask for prayer requests and pray for them as a group.



Week 2 – You're In My Space!

Announcements

Kids Camp – June 21 – 24, June 28 – July 1 | Loranger, LA
Biblical Foundations – starting June 14 | LCC
Pray for the Honduras REACH Team – June 19 – 27
Men's Conference 2010 – August 13-14 | LCC
Night of Encouragement with Jim Laffoon – June 27 | LCC

Warm-Up

Share about a “road trip” that you have experienced and enjoyed. What is a road trip that you would like to experience one day?

Word

In our lesson today, we will begin our study on the series, entitled **Road Trip**. This summer we are taking a road trip together to learn how to better understand the different personalities in our families, resolve conflict, enhance our communication, and enjoy even healthier relationships.

In last week's message we learned that every marriage experiences conflict, in fact all relationships experience conflict at some point. But when conflict is not resolved appropriately and in a timely manner, there is potential for a root of bitterness to set in. When a marriage continually encounters difficulty, it is not uncommon for the primary cause to be a taproot of bitterness. We learned that the results of a root of bitterness are envy, strife, selfishness, and lust.

What lessons from last weeks message did you find particularly helpful? Please explain.

Today, in our lesson entitled **You're in My Space!**, we are going to look at some biblical examples that will help us to understand the different personalities in our family. One of the main reasons that marriages break down is that we don't understand how one another is wired by God.

Let's begin by reading **Ephesians 5:17-33**. Marriage was God's idea and He designed it to function according to His design. He commanded husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church. He commanded wives to honor and respect their husbands as unto the Lord. In order for a man to love his wife he must understand how God has wired her. In order for a wife to respect and honor her husband, she must understand how God has wired him. In order for us to love and direct our children we must understand how God has wired them. These principles apply in any relationships – the better understanding we have if how God has wired others the better chance we will succeed at those relationships.

A number of authors have written on the subject of personality types and many agree that there are four primary categories. The chart below lists those four types and some of the terms associated with them.

Description/ Source	DISC System	LaHaye/Littauer (Spiritual Temperament/ Personality Plus)	Smalley
Dominant, driver, task-oriented	D	Choleric	Lion
Inspirer, influencer, people-oriented	I	Sanguine	Otter
Stable, steady, people-oriented	S	Phlegmatic	Golden Retriever
Compliant, correct, task-oriented	C	Melancholy	Beaver

Before we begin to discuss these personality types, in what ways do you think understanding your spouses personality can benefit your relationship and why?

Now let's take a little closer look at each of these personalities and a biblical character that demonstrated each one in his life.

1. D – Driver/Choleric/Lion

Drivers tend to be people that are very goal oriented and focused on conquest. They tend to be objective, they love conflict and they are not the most patient people in the world. The Apostle Paul is a biblical character who displayed many of the attributes of the D personality type. Read these passages and try to point out how they demonstrate that Paul was a D personality type.

- Acts 9:1-2 Even before Saul become known as Paul, even before he met Jesus, the God-given wiring was in place.
- Acts 15:36-41 What was Paul's goal (vs 36)? What was the source of the conflict between Paul and Barnabas? How does this passage display Paul as a D personality type?

2. I – Influencer/ Sanguine/Otter

An "I" personality type is a people person. They are all about being with people and having a party. These people are people of great influence with others. Their lives are often marked by spontaneity and they are not fond of conflict. The biblical character that best demonstrates this personality type is Peter. Read these passages and try to point out how they demonstrate that Peter was an "I" personality type.

- a. Galatians 2:11-14 How important was it to Peter to be accepted by those around him? What did he do to try to obtain that acceptance?
- b. Acts 2:14 How did God use Peter's wiring as an Influencer to accomplish His purposes?

3. S – Steady/Phlegmatic/Golden Retriever

An S personality type is a steady person. They are stable people who are typically consistent and very loyal. Their relationships may be few in number but are very deep in loyalty and emotional connection. Our biblical "S" personality is demonstrated by Paul's fellow missionary, Barnabas. Read these passages and try to point out how they demonstrate that Barnabas was an "S"