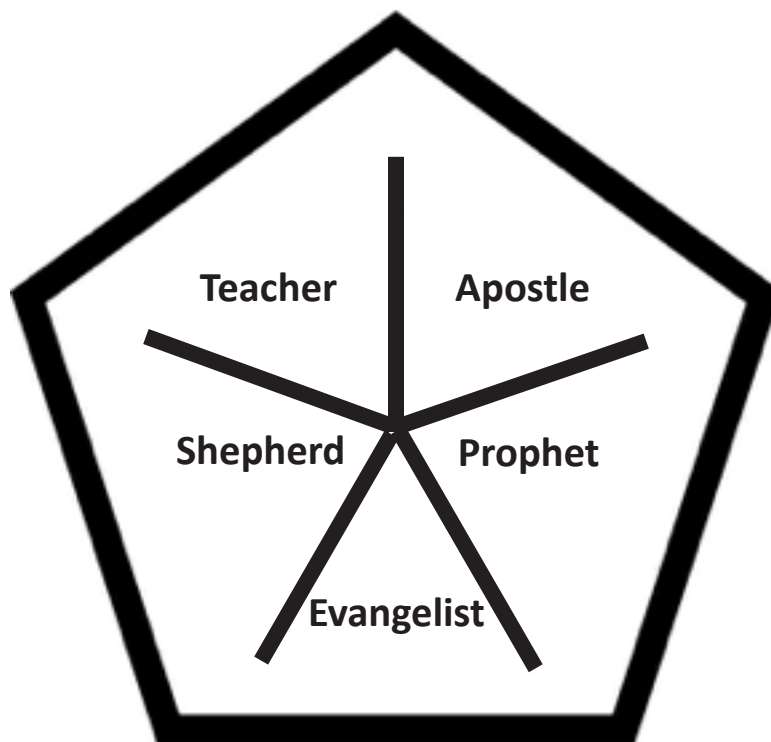


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Main Scripture: Ephesians 4:7, 11-13

Shape Teaching:

1. Read Ephesians 4:7, 11-13

2. These are the roles for the church to live out in maturity and fullness of Christ. This is often referred to as the five-fold ministry. Jesus perfectly modeled each of the five-fold giftings during His time in ministry on earth. The church now functions as the Body of Christ, and we continue His five-fold work. Each of us has received specific giftings by the grace of God and when used together it gives a wonderful picture of who Jesus is to the world.

3. Teach the roles:

Apostle: Sees where the church needs to move – a visionary. Historically, these people helped bring in a new culture. They want to see Kingdom culture embedded in the church. They enjoy dreaming, doing new and changing tasks and change. Core question: Are we leading the people of God to their destiny?

Prophet: One who hears and listens to God. Sees where God's people are and where God is and sees the gap between them. They have angst and passion about wanting to close that gap (1 Corinthians 14). They enjoy being alone with God, waiting and listening. They are able to stand back from circumstances to get a clear picture of what is happening and develop a vision for situations others don't see. Core question: Are the people of God hearing His voice and responding appropriately?

Evangelist: One who brings good news and shares the message readily. They enjoy spending time with non-Christians and reminding Christians that people out there need to hear about Jesus. The church can often become ingrown, which is where the evangelists come in, they bring the new people. They "woo" people to Christ. Core question: Are new people entering into the Kingdom of God?

Shepherd: Often this is called pastor. They have the gifts of mercy and empathy. They rejoice and mourn with others. They see the needs, they provide comfort and encouragement. They enjoy one-on-one conversations and are good listeners. Core question: Are the people of God caring for and showing compassion for people?

Teacher: They can look at a circumstance or Scripture passage and make it clear to others and help people understand. They hold forth the truth with excitement. They look for ways to explain, enlighten and apply the truth. They typically listen to God well. Core question: Are the people of God immersing themselves in Scripture and incarnating it?

4. When all the roles are active, the Church can achieve the fullness of Christ. The Kingdom advances and the church matures.