

## Developing the Five-Fold Ministry

### August Celebration Gathering

#### Introduction

- 1 Cor 12-14 gives us such a beautiful picture of the BODY
- Parts of so complementary...don't all do the same things

**PREVIEW:** Today I want to do three things in this message

1. Give us the Biblical basis for the five-fold for we all have different level of understanding and experience with the concepts.
2. Explain how they work
3. Share some of our current plans in the Gathering for application.

#### A. Biblical Basis for Five-Fold Today

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##### 1. Five-Fold are People Gifts

##### 2. People are developed over time

*1 Cor 12:4-6 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.*

##### 3. All Five are still here for today (Eph 4:11-13)

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##### 4. We Need All Five Today

##### 5. Equip the Saints

#### B. How They Work

##### 1. Apostles – (one sent out)

###### a. Three types of Apostles in N.T.

- TWELVE –
- Witnesses to the Resurrection sent out. *and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*
- Church Planters- Barnabas called an apostle: *But when the **apostles** Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting*

###### b. Characteristics and Role of Apostles

- Take the church into new territories Rom 15:20  
<sup>20</sup>*It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.*
- Lead in crossing cultural barriers 1 Cor 9:19-23*Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. 20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law),*

so as to win those under the law. 21 To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

- Find POP within the territory.
- Lay Foundation of the church with the prophets Eph 2:19-20
  - <sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.
- Help establish the Govt. and wineskins of churches
  - <sup>5</sup> The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint <sup>[a]</sup> elders in every town, as I directed you. Titus
- Operated in relational authority not positional authority...served as a Father to adult children
  - 1 Thess 2:10-12 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. 11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.
  - 1 Cor 4:15-16 Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.
- Apostleship was restricted to a given sphere
  - 1 Cor 9:1-2 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? 2 Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.
- Protect the Teaching of the Church
- Worked with a Team
  - Acts 20:3-5 because the Jews made a plot against him just as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia. 4 He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Gaius from Derbe, Timothy also, and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. 5 These men went on ahead and waited for us at Troas.
- Often first one in...establish work...then leave
- Marks of apostle: 2 Cor 12:12 The things that mark an apostle — signs, wonders and miracles — were done among you with **great perseverance**.
- Apostle is like the THUMB

## 2. Prophets (Prophecy - receiving direct communication from the Lord for someone else or the church)

- Prophet – pointing finger
  - Acts 13:1...there were prophets and teachers in Antioch worshiping when the Spirit said, "set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
- Prophet – build the church: 1 Cor 14 says the prophecy is to strengthen, encourage, comfort, instruct, or edify the church.
- Prophets are also to be a part of laying the foundation of new churches. Eph 2:20
  - Eph 3:4-6 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
- Prophetic Balance: Both work to edify the body through encouragement, comfort, instruction, edification AND Outward Focus on where God is sending the church.
- PROPHETS and APOSTLES are part of an EXPANSION TEAM and Foundation Team of the church.

## 3. Evangelists (Sharers of the good news- preacher of the gospel )

- Jesus is the good news...they bring Jesus into people's lives...they point to Jesus.

- Philip was an evangelist : Acts 21:8 *And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.*
- Represented by middle finger.
- Best evangelists are not obnoxious
- Timothy an example: 2 Tim 4:5 *But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*
- Most common way this is illustrated in scripture is by the verb euangelizontai
- Jesus came and said, *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.* Often in New Testament...when we see the word PREACH...55 times it is this word...preach good news. It is preaching the gospel.
- See this person as critical part of EXPANSION team with Apostle and Prophet.

#### 4. Shepherd/Pastors (Stay and Grow Team)

- Greek word – poimen – shepherd...only here in Eph. Translated PASTOR
- The verb for....to shepherd is meant to care and feed the sheep.
- Primary word used to describe the role of an elder or overseer.
  - 1 Peter 5:1-2 *To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers —*
- Our Leadership Council members, our pastors and our House Church leaders fill that role.

#### 5. Teacher (one who instructs in the Word)

- Scripture says not many should be teachers...fewer than Shepherds James 3:1 *Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.*
- Help people grow in their knowledge, understanding and application of the Word
- 2 Timothy 3:16 says word is for **Teach, train, correct, rebuke**
- Like the Shepherd, the teacher focuses on building the church and discipling people after they have come to Christ.
- They form a different role than the apostle. Paul talks about his relationship with Apollos 1 Cor 3:5-9 *What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe — as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.*
- Goal: Eph 4:14 *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.*
- Train, stable, mature, followers who can discern truth from error.
- Little Finger – penetrates furthest

#### 6. Tension in APEST Team

APE	vs.	ST
Go		Stay
Risk		Nurture
Lost		Believers
Start new		Maintain
Entrepreneurial		Manage

#### 7. Trainings

- Apostles.....CPM training
- Prophets....prophet training
- Evangelist....Prophetic evangelism, treasure hunts, CPM
- Shepherds....House Church Leaders gathering
- Teachers...Biblical Interpretation Class...methods class.