

# Strengthening Bridge Church

## The reason for studying fivefold ministries.

- **Biblical Foundation:** Understanding the biblical basis of the five-fold ministries will help us at Bridge ground our leadership and church ministries in solid scriptural teachings.
- **Leadership Development:** Studying the five-fold ministries helps identify and develop individuals who possess some of the giftings, leading to more effective and diverse growth in different teams within the church.
- **Comprehensive Ministry:** Hopefully if we get to a point where we are establishing/discovering some of these gifting within people then we can invite those people holding different gifting to serve in ministry teams to establish and maintain good balance.
- **Spiritual Growth and Maturity:** Embracing the five-fold ministries will allow us as a church to address the various needs of its members. Whilst also encouraging the stretch and the growth in the body.
- **Balance and Functionality:** When we see these ministries working together throughout the church but also in ministry areas, there is a balanced and functioning church body where each member contributes their unique gifts and callings.
- **Unity and Cooperation:** Understanding these roles and in fact desiring them increases unity within the church, as each member appreciates the distinct contributions of others.
- **Effective Outreach:** By recognising and using the different ministry roles, we can better engage with Launceston and effectively reach out to different groups of people.

Overall, for me (Sam), I feel studying the five-fold ministries will help us align our leadership, help us to reflect on our ministry approach, By doing that and studying five-fold ministry I believe we will be seeing, leading a more effective and vibrant church of believers. It will encourage our church, through housegroups, to embrace and seek unity whilst embracing diversity and individual giftings, and we WILL see the growth and expansion of God's Kingdom.