

Fivefold Ministry Worksheet

Session 1 – Bridge Church today and looking forward.

Leaders: Please encourage your group to look through the four resource documents before attending session 1. You may wish to have a couple printed off for the evening: They are on the website under session 1. They are:

- **The 2022 Church Membership document**
- **The Immeasurably More document**
- **Prophetic Pictures and words spoken over Bridge Church**
- **Strengthening Bridge Church**

Hello everyone and welcome to our series embracing the grace gifts of the Ephesians fivefold ministry and their impact both for us as individuals and for Bridge Church. (Ephesians 4: 11 – 16)

Opening

YAY.... back together again after summer so begin with some time catching up and chatting; get settled in and share life with each other.

Then transition into the study with a prayer of thanksgiving and let's start:

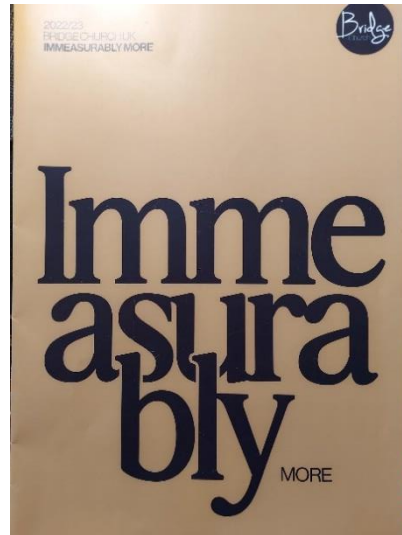
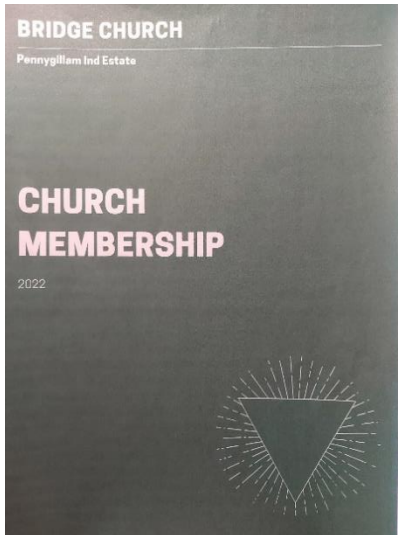
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Please introduce the session by sharing this paragraph:

This series of studies and discussions are aimed to help us further discover and develop our personal fivefold ministry understanding and explore the interaction of these with outworking the vision of Bridge Church. They are intended to both inform and encourage us to better understand and embrace our kingdom identity, to seek unity together, to strengthen each other and to strengthen His Church. (Please be inquisitive about yourself and each other – please have fun together and lean into God, our loving heavenly Father who has given us these gifts to use and enjoy, to be fruitful in the kingdom).

Tonight we are looking at our church and the journey we are all part of. We'll start as we are today and then consider where and what we believe God is calling us to.

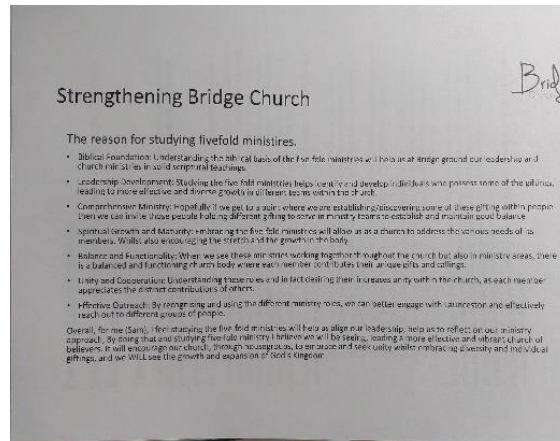
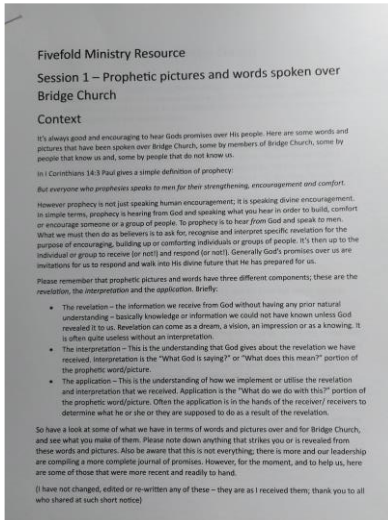
- a. Bridge Church today – please have copies of the two leaflets available to share in the group (both available as pdf files from the website)



Look through the booklets together and share a conversation together. Topics might be (but are not limited to)

- i. The Church as it is now after 7 years – things that might stand out for you? (Any thoughts around vision, beliefs, values, roles of leadership, roles of members, church groups, ministries, Sunday services, other services.....anything else?)
- ii. How would you describe the culture? – what stands out for you? – is there anything missing for you?
- iii. Are we centred on God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
- iv. Do I feel part of the Bridge family? – is it my spiritual home?
- v. Are there opportunities for me to grow in my personal Christian journey.
- vi. Are there opportunities for me to serve?
- vii. How would you sum up Bridge Church today?

- b. Bridge Church tomorrow – looking forward – please have copies of these two documents available to share in the group (both available as pdf files from the website)



Look through both the documents.

One is some of the many prophetic words and pictures given over Bridge Church – how do these speak to you?

- i. Do the prophetic words help me form both God's call and a future picture of what it will be like:
1. for Bridge Church
 2. for me personally

The other is Sam's response to Why we should consider looking at the fivefold ministries as Bridge Church together.

As a comment from me (author), it feels like a wise definition of the areas to encourage to walk forward in and equip us all for what is revealed and is being revealed in God's call over our Church – which actually means over us! So having read the Strengthening Bridge Church document,

- ii. Is this looking like a journey I'm excited to be part of?
 iii. Am I yet able to get a sense of my own journey as part of Bridge Church?

Closing

Quite a lot to get through. How are people feeling after a whistlestop journey through Bridge Church present and future? If excited that's good and can form part of closing prayers. If a little unsure, please reassure people its ok if they feel any sense of trepidation and that we will be taking time to

look more closely at who we are and who we are called to be – we're in god's hands – hallelujah! This can also be lifted back to God in prayer.

So, try to finish well. This might not mean a tidy finish – there may be much left unresolved – that's ok and please feed questions back to us.

It's always good to end in prayer so draw conversations to a close and let's get praying –

- Themes from this evening can be lifted in prayer.
- If excited, then let God know.
- If reassurance needed, then seek God's grace and peace in people's hearts.
- Other prayer needs in the room.

If you're on track with all of this then let the group know that next time we'll be exploring our personal fivefold ministry gifts.....

Leaders, please provide feedback from your session 1 to us by dropping an email to:

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How did the session go?

Significant points raised?

Areas that need further/future support/clarification?

Thanks