

Fivefold Ministry: Session 2 Information Sheet

This work sheet is aimed at discovering and developing our personal fivefold ministry understanding. A deeper understanding of the fivefold ministry gifts each of us carry will help us form together a greater unity as we appreciate more ourselves and the distinct contribution of others. I would reiterate to you all; Please hold this lightly and 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.

1. Summary of the fivefold ministry descriptions:

A person who is APOSTOLIC extends the gospel. They seek to extend the faith from one context to another and from one generation to the next. They are always thinking about the future, bridging barriers, establishing the church in new contexts, developing leaders, networking trans-locally. They are attracted to new initiatives and technology. If someone is extremely apostolic, they can focus solely on initiating new ideas and rapid expansion and can leave people and organizations wounded. The pastoring and teaching functions are needed to ensure people are cared for rather than feeling used.

A person who is PROPHETIC knows God's will. They are particularly attuned to God and his truth for today. They bring both encouragement and correction and challenge the unhelpful dominant assumptions we inherit from the culture. They insist that the community obey what God has commanded. They question the status quo. They point to Jesus not themselves. Without the other types of ministries in place, an extremely prophetic person can become like belligerent activists or, paradoxically, disengage from the imperfection of reality and become other-worldly.

A person who is EVANGELISTIC recruits for the kingdom. They are infectious communicators of the gospel message and invite others to the cause and to faith both in word and deed. They call for a personal response to God's redemption in Christ, and also draw believers to engage the wider mission, growing the church. An extremely evangelistic person can be so focused on reaching those outside the church that maturing and strengthening those within the church is neglected.

A person who is PASTORAL nurtures and protects the body. Caregivers of the community, they focus on the protection and spiritual maturity of God's flock, cultivating a loving and spiritually mature network of relationships, making and developing disciples. An extremely pastoral person can value stability to the detriment of the mission. They may also foster an unhealthy dependence between the church (people in the church) and themselves.

A person who is a TEACHER understand and explains clearly to others. They are communicators of God's truth and wisdom, they help others remain biblically grounded to better discern God's will, guiding others toward wisdom, helping the community remain faithful to Christ's word, and constructing a transferable doctrine. Without the input of the other functions, teachers can fall into dogmatism or dry intellectualism. They may fail to see the personal or missional aspects of the church's ministry.

2. Grace gifts of the fivefold ministries; many of us will be displaying some of the ministry gifts and skills without identifying with the ministry. What resonates with you – pick your top 5 from this list.

Apostolic

1. I like to do new things and deliver a kingdom difference.
2. I value to be involved with new ministries and feel I can always help.
3. I enjoy extending kingdom activity to impact unreached people.
4. I like to resource others to help them flourish in kingdom initiatives.
5. I love to look at ways of providing a missional impact or make a missional positive difference.

Prophetic

6. I feel like I am called to be a guardian of kingdom principles.
7. I receive revelation from heaven, directly, through His word and with pictures.
8. I often get pictures for people and/or church.
9. I encourage others with words of knowledge and Father heart encouragement.
10. I feel I have a covenant faithfulness to God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.

Evangelistic

11. I love connecting people and presenting Jesus.
12. I can communicate well and enjoy spreading His message both in word and action.
13. I love sharing the gospel.
14. I get excited when I meet new people to get to know and share the gospel with.
15. I wish more people would get out there with the gospel – time is short!
16. I just want to see everyone know Jesus.

Pastoral

17. I love looking after and caring for people.
18. I want to know people are safe.
19. I love spending time with people and hearing their stories.
20. I want to help people be ok and help them through difficulties.
21. I really value community and unity together.

Teaching

22. I really value helping people to understand the bible and stuff.
23. I like to help coach and encourage people how to deal with personal and life challenges from a kingdom perspective.
24. I have things to share – people seem to value learning from my experiences.
25. I can explain faith principles really well.
26. I can draw out wisdom and kingdom insights from the bible and share with others.

Summary of Grace Gifts of the fivefold ministries

Apostolic	Pioneer	Catalyst	Impact	Extend	Missional Impact
Prophetic	Guardian	Creative	Integrity	Embody	Covenant Faithfulness
Evangelistic	Connector	Communicator	Inclusion	Excite	Gospel Proclamation
Pastoral / Shepherd	Defender	Carer	Investment	Edify	Reconciled Community
Teacher	Educator	Coach	Insight	Explain	Deep Wisdom