

Fivefold Ministry Worksheet

Session 2 – Exploring my fivefold ministry grace gifts.

Leaders: Please encourage your group to look through the resource document before attending session 2. You may wish to have a couple printed off for the evening: It is on the website under session 2. It is:

- **Session 2 Information Sheet**
- **You will also need access to the internet along with devices to complete a Fivefold Ministry profiling questionnaire. <https://fivefoldministry.com>**

Hello everyone and welcome to session 2.

Recap reminder – last time we looked at Bridge Church from the perspective of our journey as a church moving from where we are today and looking at where God is calling us forward. We did this through two lenses (perspectives)

1. Where we are today: through the 2022 Church Membership document and the 2023 Immeasurably More document.
2. Where we are going forward: through the Our Prophetic Words document and the Strengthening Bridge Church document.

Please hold your thoughts on Gods plans and purposes for Bridge Church as we will be returning to these in future sessions.

Opening

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The challenge of being part of Bridge Church Journey

Let's remind ourselves of our Bridge Church welcome statement:

Welcome (from 2022 church membership document): We are a church that believes in the Good News of Jesus Christ; that He came to pay the price of our sins so we might have a relationship with God the Father. We believe He has given us the Bible and that it is His Word. With the help of His Holy Spirit we can not only understand the word of God but also live it out.

We as a church are called to live a life of worship to God which brings glory to His name and that encompasses every area of our lives. We are a church that seeks to stand by each other and support each other in life on a daily basis, and believe that each individual is valuable and has a gifting that they can use in building the ministry of the church. We love God and love people and it is our aim to share this Good News of Jesus Christ with the community of Launceston through the way in which we serve and love those in the community.

Quite a challenge for us! One of the many brilliant things about our Heavenly Father is that He has equipped us and continues to equip us for our journey – He's given us Grace Gifts, skills, talents, capabilities – to enable us to be a beautiful, diverse and talented part of His church here in

Launceston. God invites us to explore and develop our grace gifts and move toward a deeper personal relationship with the Him.

God's invitation to closer relationship

There are many bible passages that invite us to closer relationship with God; that encourage us to seek the things of heaven. For example:

Romans 12: 12. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 8:28. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Isaiah 40:31. Yet those who wait for the Lord
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

These verses (and others) are so encouraging – they are invitations that show God desires that we walk with Him, learn from Him and be in intimate relationship with him.

God gives us the means to succeed – Fivefold equipping.

So, onto the fivefold ministries. The well known passage for fivefold ministry is found in Ephesians 4: 11 – 16 and as you read this passage please notice what is said about equipping, unity and maturity in the body:

*¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the **whole measure of the fullness of Christ.***

*¹⁴Then 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 people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the **mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.** ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

We are **not** going to look at this to try and discover if we are Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. Rather, we will explore and uncover our Fivefold ministry grace gift profiles that we all enjoy, which contribute to the uniqueness of our personal identity. Many of us will be displaying some of the fivefold ministry gifts and skills without identifying with the ministry.

Here's an analogy.

I'm not an athlete ...but I can do some training to run, or swim, or to help me get fit to do the ten tors Dartmoor challenge. These examples of training can be described as me being athletic without carrying the label of "Athlete". For my identity, therefore, I could describe myself being athletic without being looking to label myself as an athlete!

In the same way we are going to explore the fivefold ministry grace gifts we naturally carry which will help to inform our fivefold ministry profile (or shape). As we go through the next exercises, 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.

With reference to the Session 2 information sheet

1. First, we are going to consider ourselves from our own perspective:
 - a. Please read through section 1 of the information sheet:
Summary of Fivefold Ministry descriptions.
 - i. Individually, pause, pray and think which ministries descriptions you feel an affinity (spiritual resonance or calling) with. (Please note these down)
 - b. Then read through section 2 of the information sheet:
Grace gifts of the fivefold ministries.
 - i. Again, Individually, pause, pray and think which grace gifts you feel an affinity (spiritual resonance or calling) with. (Please choose your strongest 5 and note these down)
2. Now we are going to give space for others to speak into what we have identified about ourselves. So, each person take time to share what they have identified for themselves - share this together with the others in your group. Let the group listen to each person first then the group be ready to add encouragement for what has been shared and add if you feel you notice something in they have missed. Identify together where the real gift strengths lie for each person.
3. Notice together the differences and similarities of what each of you identify with:
 - a. Think how any of this might play out in your day-to-day life: can I be more intentional with my fivefold profile. (What is God saying to you with this?)
 - b. Think about how any of this might play out within the Bridge Church family and life of the church.
4. Access the internet and complete the profiling questionnaire and note the results. (Profiling questionnaire is located at:
 - a. <https://fivefoldministry.com>
 - b. Please take the full test; it takes about 15 minutes to complete – (You will need access to a device and the internet!)
 - c. Please be bold with your answers as it will help give a clearer profile; aim toward zero's and tens if you have a preference but of course if you have a neutral response go for the centre position.
 - d. Compare the result with what you've already noted down both individually and with the group.
5. Come together again and share.
 - a. Any surprises – be honest! Do you have areas of disagreement with the information you now have?
 - b. Does it all make sense?
 - c. Do you have any queries of how to take this understanding forward?
 - d. Any training or support thoughts that emerge for you individually or as a group?
 - e. How will this help us strengthen ourselves as missional church?
 - f. Where are the gaps for us as a church?
 - g. Feed queries back to your group leader.
6. Celebrate and have a time of prayer and worship together.

Closing

Quite a lot to get through. How are people feeling after this look at their Fivefold Ministry grace gifts. 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 gift in relation to "My Bridge Church journey today and looking ahead

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