

ETERNAL LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES & GLOBAL NETWORK

**EQUIPPING & FOLLOWING
LEADERSHIP FUNCTIONS TO EQUIP
THE CHURCH FOR MISSIONS & MINISTRY
COURSE 110**



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Apostolic Thrust

Vision

*Building people and Transforming lives!
(LifeShape Skills)*

Mission

*Deliverance by Evangelism, Discipleship by Education,
Development by Empowerment and Deployment by Enterprising.
(Agile Ministry)*

Ethos

*Whole life = Whole person
(Mind-Body-Soul)*

Assignment

*Worshipping God and Serving people!
(CPR) Consistent-Practical-Realistic*

Five Fold Ministry Gifts (Ephesians Chapter 4)

*Saints-Work-Edification
Unity-Knowledge-Fullness*

Course Objectives

- ▶ **Learn** – How your role as a ministry leader is key to equipping the saints for the work of the ministry for God's glory.
- ▶ **Discover** – How to effectively lead Lay Members in small cell groups to grow the local church.
- ▶ **Explore** – The various gifts of leadership within the local church.
- ▶ **Plan** – To work as a leadership team to grown the local church and impact all congregants and communities.
- ▶ **Execute** – Ephesians Chapter 4 and Romans Chapter 12 as a local church culture.

Restrictive Leadership

- ▷ Too much reliance on the Senior Pastor or the Solo Pastor.
- ▷ Trained in an individualistic and competitive environment.
- ▷ Theory divorced from the praxis of ministry.
- ▷ Dispel the myth of the limited call.
- ▷ Lay members closest to the problem are also closest to the solution.

Leadership in the Early Church

Ephesians 4:4-13 (NRSV)

“There is **one body and one Spirit**, just as you were called to one hope of your calling, **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was **given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift**... The gifts he gave were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to **equip** the saints for the **work** of ministry, for **building up** the body of Christ, until all of us come to the **unity of faith** and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to maturity, to the measure of the **full stature of Christ**.”

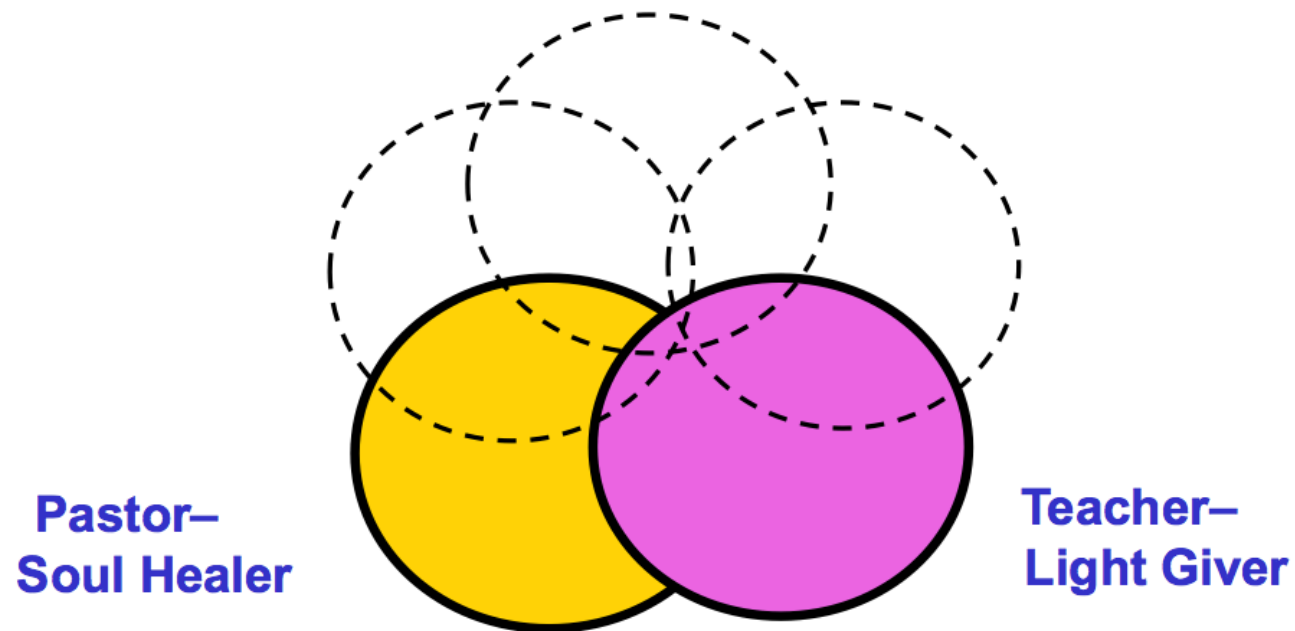
Ephesians 4:4-13 Explained

- ▷ Not primarily about leadership
 - Concerned with the ministry of each and every person according to their gift.
- ▷ Foundational categories by which individual members can discern their call...
- ▷ Is the five-fold ministry normative?
 - Restricted to the church in Ephesus?
 - Restricted to the 1st century church?

Equipping the Ministry



Ministry Focus of Christendom Churches



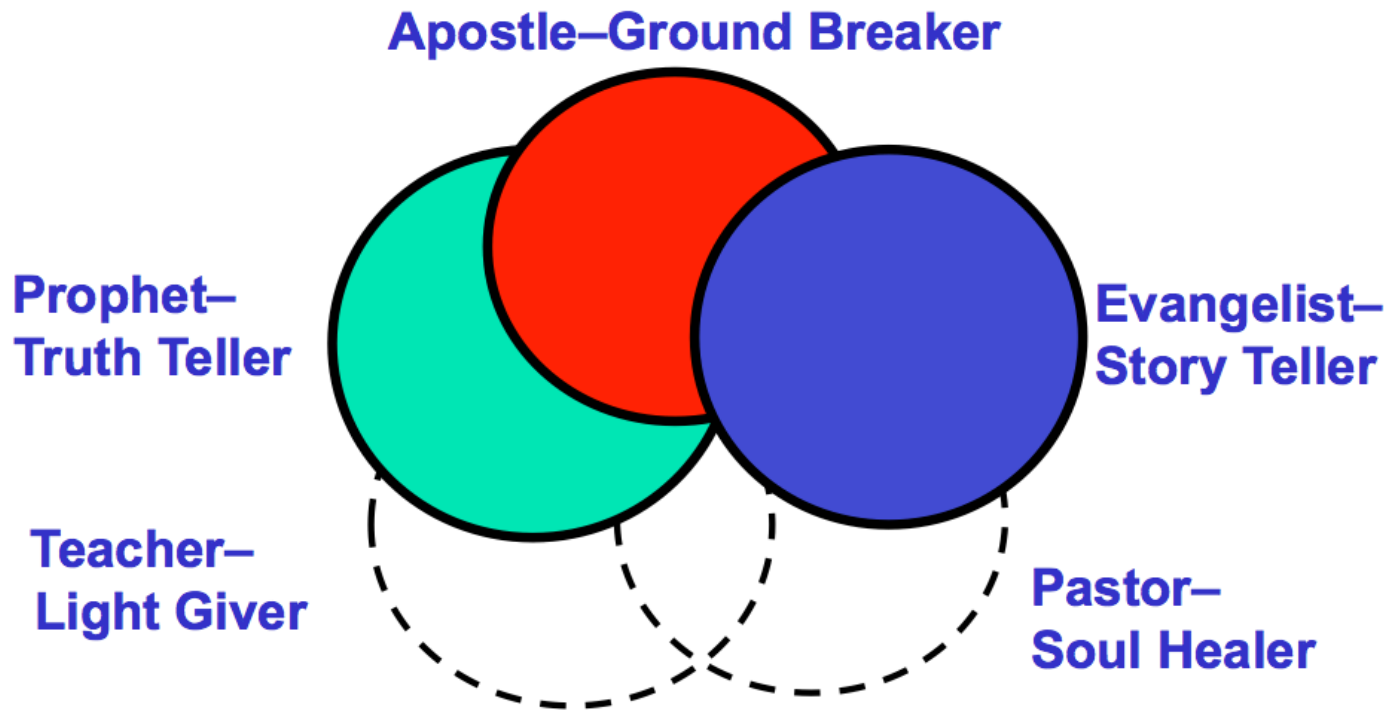
Pastor as Soul Healer

- ▷ Ensure the spiritual health and well-being of the church members through the stages, struggles, and crises of life.
- ▷ The need is greater than ever before.
- ▷ Overwhelming counseling load.
 - Identify and train members to provide basic pastoral support.
 - People bring offload their emotional baggage.
 - Strain on Pastor's personal life and relationships.

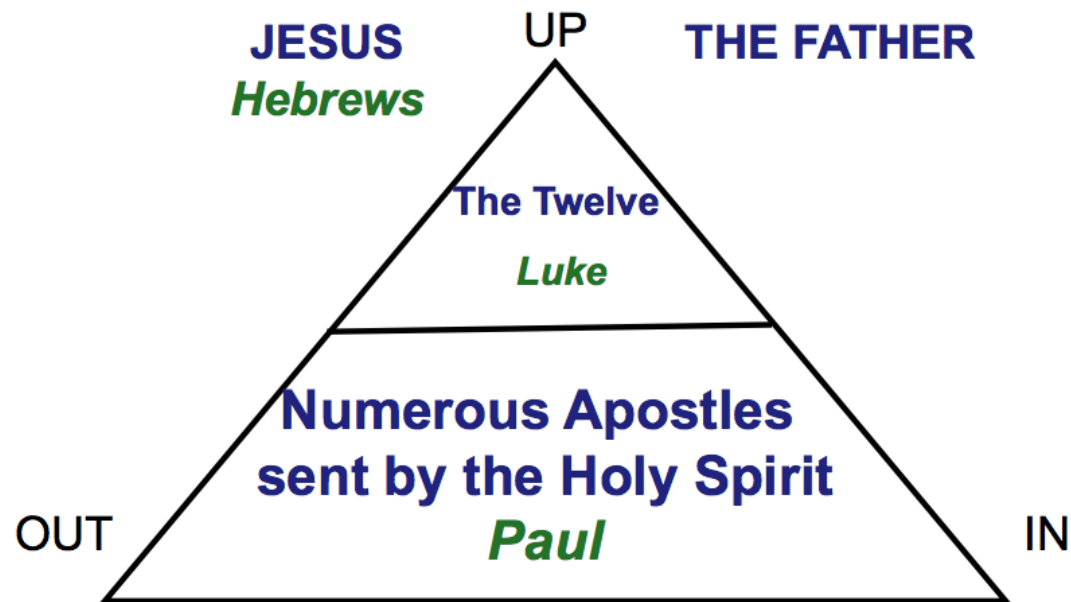
Teacher as Light Giver

- ▷ Jesus came as a teacher (*Rabbi*)
- ▷ Proclaim the great themes of Scripture and the “whole counsel of God”
 - Teach systematically and comprehensively
- ▷ Prophetic—God’s word is for Here and Now
- ▷ Need is as pressing as ever
 - Biblical illiteracy among churchgoers
 - Result of a therapeutic gospel
 - Mind – Body – Soul
 - CPR – Consistent, Practical, and Realistic

Leadership Gifted Roles



Three Dimensions of the Apostles



Apostles are Ground Breakers

- ▷ Luke's use of "Apostle" (of Christ)
 - In his Gospel 6 times; Acts 28 times
 - Restricted to the Twelve
 - Counter the Gnostic challenge
- ▷ Paul's use of "apostle" (of the Church)
 - Ground breakers for the advance of the gospel
 - Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, James, Apollos, Junia[s], Andronicus, Epaphroditus and himself
 - Earliest use of the term "Apostle"

The Role of Apostles

- ▷ Establishment and care for networks of new faith communities and local churches.
- ▷ Made for adventure
 - risks, hardship, adversity
- ▷ Manifest an independent spirit
 - “I am free with respect to all” (1 Corinthians 9:19)

The Role of Apostles

▷ The ministry of an Apostle includes:

- Pioneering new churches (1 Corinthians 9:2 & 1 Corinthians 3:6)
- Grounds the Church in truth (Colossians 1:25)
- Preserves unity in the Body (1 Corinthians 3:3-5)
- Lays foundations in the Church (1 Corinthians 3:10)
- Sets things in order (Titus 1:5)
- Imparts spiritual gifts (Romans 1:11)
- Fathers new ministries (2 Timothy 1:6 & 1 Corinthians 4:15)
- A breakthrough-type ministry of miracles, signs and wonders (Acts 2:43 & 5:12)
- A ministry of warfare (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
- Prayer and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4)

Apostolic Distinctiveness

- ▷ An ability to 'go' with nothing
- ▷ Message—the kingdom is near
- ▷ Pray for the sick
- ▷ Depend on God to supply sustenance—including those we are reaching out to
- ▷ Have faith that the harvest is plentiful
- ▷ Trust that key people will be found to open up whole communities

Prophets as Truth Revealers

There are five dimensions of the Prophetic:

- 1. The Office of the Prophet:** Ephesians 2:30; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28 & Acts 13:1
- 2. Prophetic Preaching:** 1 Peter 4: 11
- 3. Prophetic Presbytery:** 1 Timothy 4: 14; Hebrews 6: 1-2; Acts 13: 1-3 is used in:
(a) Prophetic revelation and confirmation of those called into leadership ministry in the Church. (b) Ordination to the five-fold ministry. (c) Confirmation and activation of membership ministries in the Body of Christ. (d) Progress in Christian Maturity;
- 4. The Spirit of Prophecy** This is an anointing arising from Christ within the believer, which takes place on occasions of special anointing: Revelation 19:10;
- 5. The Gift of Prophecy** 1 Corinthians 12:10; 14:1-39; 1 Thessalonians 5:20; Romans 12:6 & Joel 2:28

Prophets as Truth Revealers

- ▷ As nervous about prophets as about apostles!
 - Brought the church into disrepute and led it astray.
- ▷ Do not bring extra-biblical revelation
 - Remind us about truths that have been neglected or rejected.
 - Bring a sense of urgency.

Prophets in the Early Church

- ▷ In predominantly Gentile Churches the Hebrew Scripture may not have been readily available
- ▷ Many of the New Testament Letters and Gospel had not yet been written or widely distributed
 - Dependence on oral sources
 - Pastoral and doctrinal issues that arose
 - Need for guidance, correction and encouragement

Evangelists

- Evangelists extend the frontiers of God's Kingdom (see the ministry of Philip in Acts 6: 3-7; 8: 5-40; 21: 8).
- They are co-workers with and extensions of apostolic ministry (2 Timothy 4: 5; 1 Thessalonians 3: 2).
- They also equip the body of Christ with the Evangelistic spirit of outreach.

Evangelists as Story-Tellers

- ▶ **Decisions for Christ**
 - Influence of Revivalism
- ▶ **Knowing the Jesus story**
 - Provide adequate and reliable information
 - The gospel in the Gospels
- ▶ **Belonging in order to believe**
 - It takes a community in order to communicate
- ▶ **Only two other texts in the NT that refer to the evangelist** (Acts 21:8; 2 Timothy 4:5)

Pastors are Settlers

- The Greek word for pastor is “Poimen” which means "one who tends sheep or cares for flocks" (read 1 Peter 5:1-4; John 21:15-17).
- As one of the five-fold ministry, a pastor is, in present terminology, more accurately a "pastor of pastors" or a "pastor of elders" beyond the local body.
- A pastor's emphasis in ministry is in relationship networking.
- Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers..." 1 Peter 5: 2 (also Acts 20:17, 28-31).

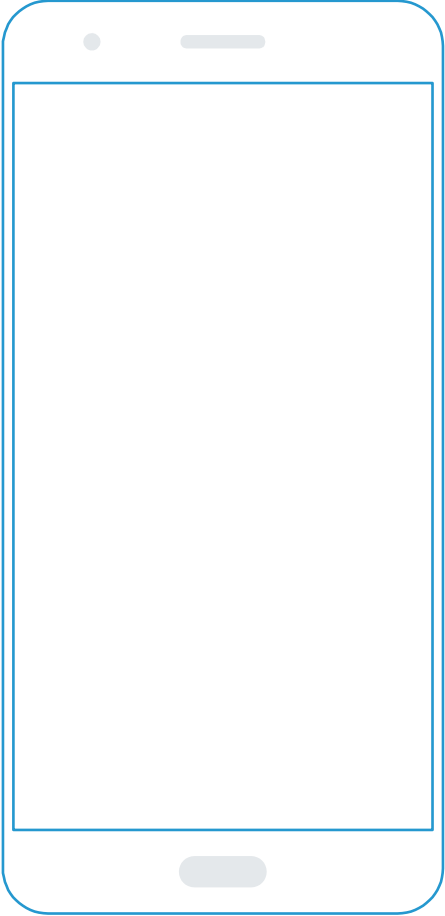
Teachers are Rabbis

- ▷ A teacher is not just someone who teaches (we are all encouraged to teach - Colossians 3:16), but one who brings instruction to the Body at large (note the "watering" ministry of Apollos in Acts 18:24-28; 1 Corinthians 3:2-10).
- ▷ Only when the ministries of Ephesians 4:11 begin functioning as God intended - both as individual ministries and as apostolic teams - will the purpose of their joint ministry be fulfilled: "...until 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" Ephesians 4:13.



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