

Sermon Title: Equipping the Saints

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Ephesians 4:11-12— “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”

What is the Fivefold ministry?

“The ministry is for all those who _____ Christ’s life; the _____ ministry is for those who possess the peculiar _____ of being able to _____ others to _____ any ministry to which they are called” (Elton Trueblood)

- * Who is in the _____? All the people of God who share Christ’s life
- * What does the fivefold ministry do? _____ the saints for the work of ministry
- * *Equipping* is the Greek word _____ which is used in three unique ways:

‘ _____ ’; brings restoration and healing, _____; laying foundation,
‘ _____ ’; trains people for life and ministry

Identifying the Fivefold (Ephesians 4:11)

‘ _____ ’ (sent ones); apostles of the Lamb (big ‘A’) apostles of the churches (little ‘a’);
‘ _____ ’ (forthtellers of the divine will);
‘ _____ ’ (those who tell good news)
‘ _____ ’ (those who care for the sheep)
‘ _____ ’ (making sure everyone is well taught)

Questions for discussion for House Churches, Triads and Devotions

- 1) Who is in the ministry? What has God given the fivefold ministry for?
- 2) Why is most of the church world focused almost exclusively on pastors when it comes to church leadership?
- 3) Talk about where you have seen these various five ministries functioning in churches you have been part of. What did that look like?

Fill-in answers: share, fivefold, gift, help, practice, ministry, equips, katartizmo, mending, establishing, training, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers