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grow BIG

CCC Small Groups Leaders Guide

Step Up & Serve
Part 5 of 6

5 Fold Ministry (Part 2)

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)
Ephesians 4:11-13 (The Message)

The 5 Fold Ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-13
New Living Translation

¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13
The Message

He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

It can be helpful to think of it as follows;

Apostles - Dream Awakeners.

Prophets - Heart Revealers.

Evangelists - Story Tellers.

Pastors - Soul Healers.

Teachers - Light Givers.

God wants us to let others speak into our lives. In fact He insists on it.

Rick Warren says - "Most Pastors ask the wrong question" Its not 'how do we make the Church grow?' Rather it is, 'What's stopping our church from growing?'

Life should be in the church and life reproduces and grows.

(a) Spiritual Growth.

Discipleship requires, (same as raising children)

1. Loss of privacy.
2. Time.
3. Exposure (people see us as we are).
4. Disciples cannot have secrets (all will be exposed).

(b) Numerical Growth.

Paul invested in people daily not once a week.

Acts 2:42 discipleship requires time.
It calls for sacrifice to raise up the leaders.

Acts 1-4 They were called 'believers'.
Acts 5 onwards, they are called 'disciples'.
Acts 8 Persecution - disciples reaction - church growth.

Paul had his leaders travel with him.
In the New Testament there are over 100 named people who travelled with Paul.
Paul prayed day and night.
His heart was always to reach others.