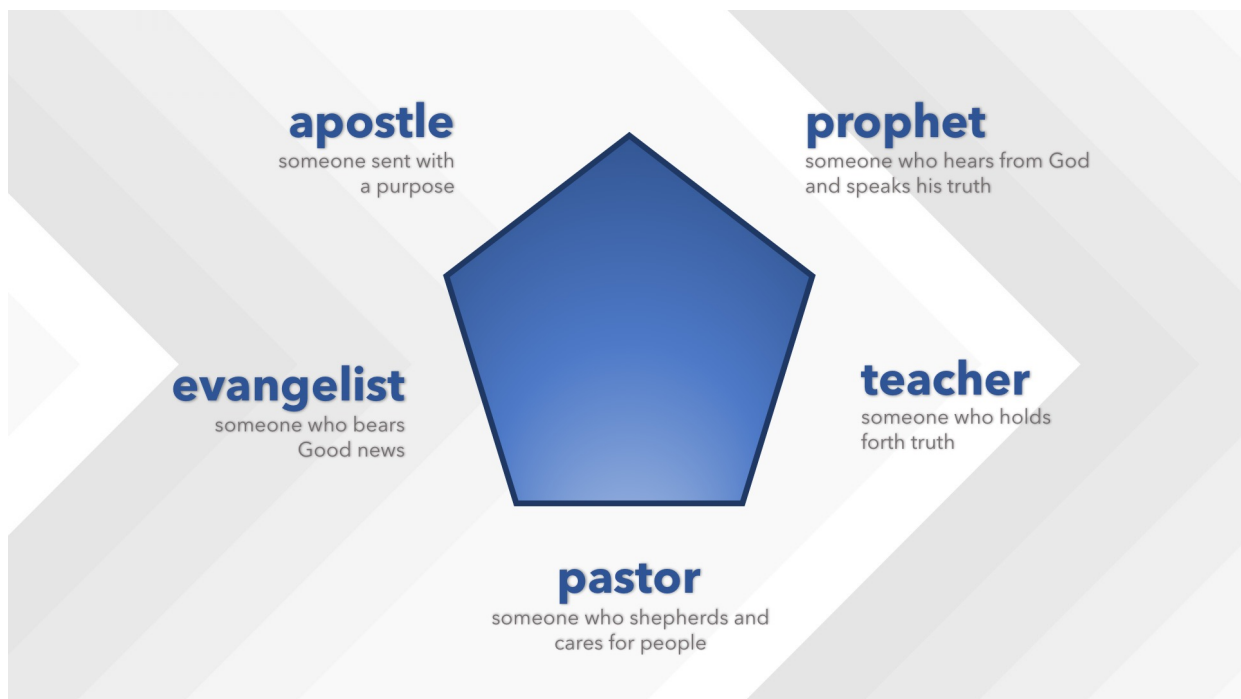


BE the Church: Everybody Gets to Play

(Ephesians 4:1-16)

1. The church is a living, breathing, eclectic group of people called to be on mission every day. Yet too easily we can fall into the trap of thinking certain responsibilities are only designated to *some*.
 - a. If you were to look at these gifts only as roles, how, reflecting on your experience, would you define a:
 - i. Apostle
 - ii. Prophet
 - iii. Pastor
 - iv. Teacher
 - v. Evangelist

2. In the original Greek that the New Testament was written in, the word *hekastos* (v7) is used to include all people - *everybody gets to play*.
 - a. Have you ever considered that while we have a responsibility to do all these things, Christ has given you one of these gifts that you naturally gravitate toward?
 - b. Look at the diagram with it's simple definitions below - what resonates with you?



3. To assist you in thinking beyond role and instead to *function*, consider them in adverb form. How are you apostolic, evangelistic, pastoral, prophetic or a teacher?

If you are still not sure, consider doing this test online:

<http://www.fivefoldsurvey.com/>

4. Just because you have been given a certain gift doesn't mean you are competent in using it!
 - a. Can you think of an example when someone has used their gift poorly?
 - b. How does Ephesians 4:2-6 speak into what could have been missing?
5. What does it look like to effectively express your base gift:
 - a. Personally
 - b. Professionally
 - c. Communally (spiritual family)