



When Jesus saved you, He called you to build His Kingdom and serve others. Jesus gives each of us a role to play and a way to contribute. Do you know yours? Let's talk about how you can engage your personal calling. **Just draw a pentagon to start...**

**Ephesians 4:1-14 is the key text on our personal calling and to make sense of how we should engage in ministry.**

If you look at the passage, can you see the 5 roles Jesus intends for us to play?

**Let me help give you an idea of how each of those roles uniquely contributes to God's people in the church and God's Kingdom in the world...**

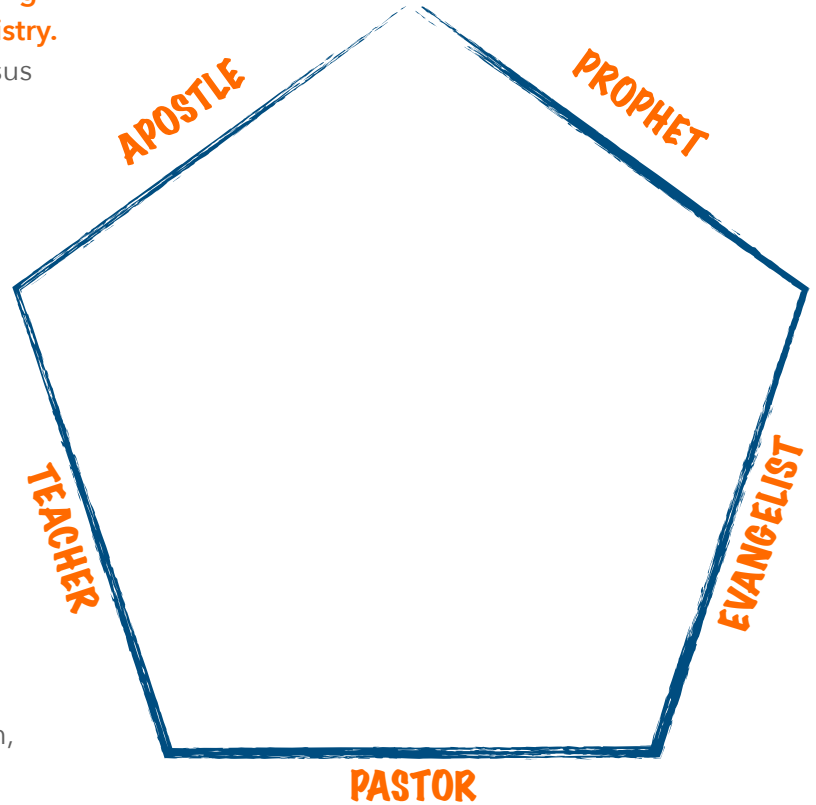
An **APOSTLE** is sent out and starts new work for the Kingdom. They see new ground and where the next spot or approach is for ministry.

A **PROPHET** clarifies what's wrong and challenges for change. They see core issues and where fidelity to our values is not being expressed or lived out.

An **EVANGELIST** shares the Good News and invites others in. They see souls to connect with and who to bring into the Kingdom of God.

A **PASTOR** shepherds people and uniquely cares for people. They see care issues and where to strengthen, restore, or deepen.

A **TEACHER** passes on and protects truth and key practices. They see skill issues and how to uniquely communicate ideas and methods so that others can grow in their faith or capacity.



**And let me help give you an idea of how each of those roles combine to serve God's people in the church and God's Kingdom in the world...** You may have noticed this in the descriptions of each role, but they contribute in different ways. You could think about it in terms of "pioneers" and "builders."

**PIONEERS** - Typically, the Apostle, Prophet, and Evangelist operate as pioneer-types who move out and expand Christ's Kingdom into new ground and new territories. They move us to the new expressions of God's Kingdom.

**BUILDERS** - And typically, the Shepherd and Teacher operate as builder-types who solidify, deepen, or protect the territory that Christ's Kingdom has now expanded into. They solidify the expressions of God's Kingdom.

**What's your call? Questions to consider as you explore.**

1. Which of the 5 do you tend toward or away from?
2. Think of other people that you resonate with – what is it that you identify with in them or what they do?
3. Think of roles that you might shy away from – what is it that makes you want to find a different way to contribute? What do you seek to do instead?
4. What have others affirmed in you? When have you been most helpful and productive for the faith and wellbeing of others?

**Why does this seem to change at times?**

**On Bases + Phases**

A "base" is a calling that we operate in best and most seamlessly. A "phase" is a calling that we operate in temporarily due to the needs around us or a unique assignment God gives us.

After we operate in a phase, we "return" to our base. We may notice that in these phases, others need us to contribute in ways that do not seem natural or fulfilling to us. Even still, abide in Him and operate from rest, be attentive to what's going on inside you, and consider spending extra time re-fueling at the phase's end.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND INTENTIONAL ACTION**

HOW DO YOU THINK GOD HAS DESIGNED YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO HIS KINGDOM?  
ARE YOU OPERATING IN THIS WAY RIGHT NOW?  
HOW COULD WE FIND MORE WAYS FOR YOU TO OPERATE IN THAT SENSE OF CALLING?

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF GOD’S CHURCH & KINGDOM ON EARTH.  
ARE YOU FULLY ENGAGED IN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR KING?  
WHAT OBSTACLES CAN I HELP YOU TO REMOVE SO THAT YOU CAN DO THAT?

HOW CAN WE ENSURE YOU CONTINUE OPERATING LIKE THIS? (OR IF YOU’RE IN A PHASE, HOW CAN WE ENSURE YOU STRETCH IN HEALTHY WAYS AND WORK FROM REST?).  
WOULD IT BE HELPFUL IF I {CALL, TEXT, FOLLOW UP, HELP YOU CONTACT..., ETC.}?

THINK ABOUT WHAT LIFE WILL BE LIKE WHEN YOU OPERATE OUT OF THIS CALLING.  
WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT AROUND YOU? WHAT DO YOU HOPE WILL CHANGE IN YOU?

**ADDITIONAL HELP AND RESOURCES**

**- NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING YOUR ROLE VS YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS? -**

**On Roles vs. Gifts:** Ephesians 4 describes callings/roles, while Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 describe gifts.  
**On 2 Kinds of Giftings:** Romans 12:6-8 describes “motivational gifts” that you do with ease and joy, while 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 describes “manifestation gifts” that the Spirit enacts through believers as He chooses.  
**More on “assessing” your role:** Determining your role actually happens best in relationship and in service in the church. It may help to also refer to a Q&A assessment such as [fivefoldministry.com](https://fivefoldministry.com) or [fivefoldsurvey.com](https://fivefoldsurvey.com).

**- NEED HELP STARTING THE CONVERSATION? -**

**Try asking, “How are you contributing to the church around you” then shift to the shape:** “God designed our church to thrive when we are all contributing the way He’s designed each of us to. Can I show you what I mean?”

**If you’ve been talking about service or ministry and hear they feel mismatched or unable to contribute:** “Did you know God gives every Christian a ministry to His church? You might not believe me but look at this...”