



Sermon Notes

February 2, 2020 – Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Life Shapes 5: Knowing Your Role in Life

Summary: We may think that serving in the church is best left to a gifted core of volunteers. But God has given each of us a gift to serve in 1 of 5 main roles. As we serve in the way God has gifted us, our life has more meaning, purpose and richness.

Big Idea: In Jesus, every one of us is gift that can be a blessing to others.

- I. **Intro:** The Super Bowl: 22 athletes who need an occasional rest watched by millions of people who need some regular exercise
 - A. Some people think that serving in the church is best left up to a gifted core of people
 - B. The Christian Church needs
 1. everyone using their spiritual _____
 2. to have _____ the 5 main gifts being used
 3. to make _____ for Jesus
- I. **The Priesthood of All Believers**
 - A. Prelude: The Inheritance of Salvation (1 Peter 1:3-4a)
 - B. We are Holy Priests (1 Peter 2:4-6)
 1. Jesus is the _____
 2. We are Living _____
 3. We are Holy _____
- II. **The Five Roles** (Eph. 4:7, 11-13)
 - A. Intro:
 1. These roles have been given by Jesus to the Church
 - a. to _____ God's people
 - b. and build up the _____ the body of Christ

- c. to mature _____ (becoming like Jesus)
- 2. The Church needs
 - a. _____ serving in the role for which they were gifted
 - b. to make disciples
- B. The Five Roles
 - 1. Apostle - leads teams of people into new _____
 - a. visionary & pioneering
 - b. Jesus is the One sent by God (John 3:16)
 - 2. Prophet - shares _____ from God with others
 - a. often discerning & creative
 - b. Jesus listened to God (John 8:28)
 - 3. Evangelist - shares the _____ News with others
 - a. draw others into discussion about Jesus
 - b. Jesus shared the Good News with others (John 4)
 - 4. Pastor/Shepherd - _____ for others with a tender heart
 - a. empathize & listen
 - b. Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd (John 10)
 - 5. Teacher - _____ God's truth to others
 - a. enjoy helping others to understand the Bible
 - b. Jesus is a teacher (Sermon on the Mount - Mt. 5-7)
- C. Pioneers & Settlers
 - 1. Introverts & Extroverts
 - 2. Our church needs _____

III. You are a Gift

- A. You are a precious gift
- B. God has given you a gift
- C. We need you to share your _____

IV. Conclusion: Looking ahead

- A. It takes a _____ to make a disciple
 - 1. Kobe & Gianna Bryant
- B. My prayer for WGLC is that we could be a church
 - 1. that transforms our community, our country and our world
 - 2. by reaching people with the Good News of God's love
 - 3. and leading them into a growing relationship with Jesus.
- C. Action step:
 - 1. Take the Fivefold Ministry Test at fivefoldministry.com
 - 2. Share your results with our church office.
 - 3. Tell one other person what role you are gifted for
 - 4. Look for opportunities to serve in that role
- D. Application: Which of the 5 roles do you think you are gifted for? How can you use those gifts in that role?
