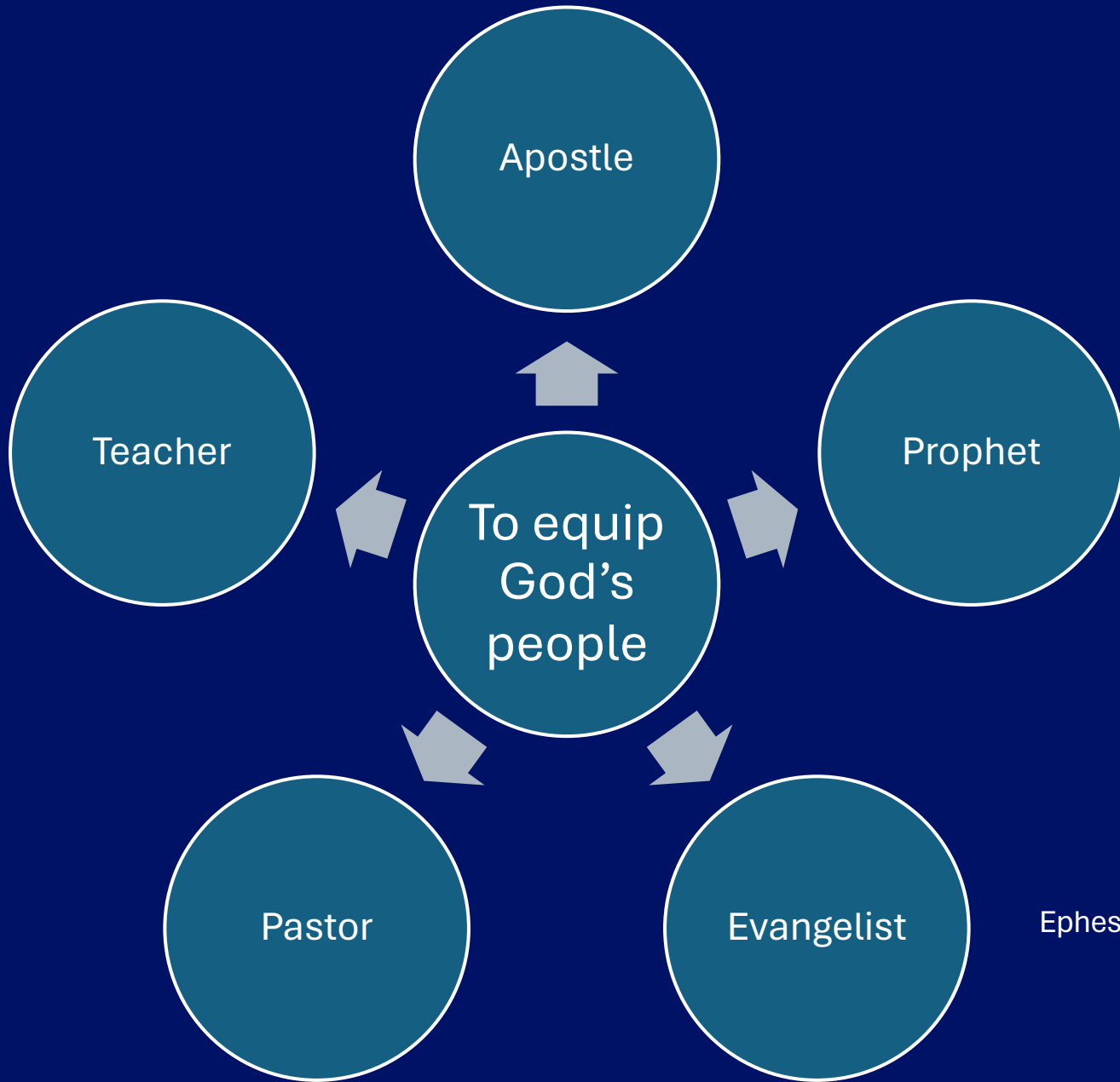
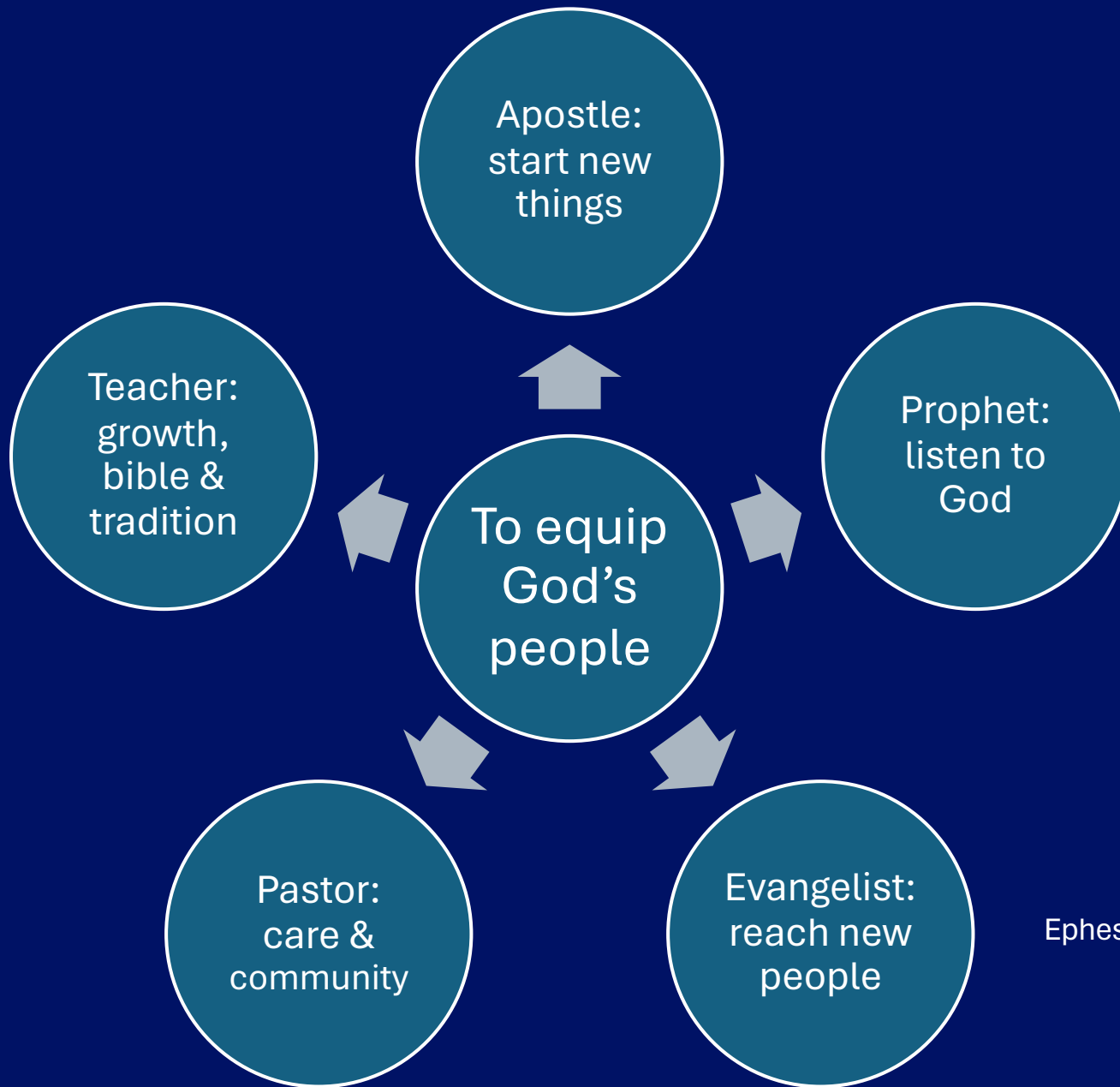


So Christ himself gave the gift of the apostles to the church. He gave the prophets and those who preach the good news. And he also gave the pastors and teachers as a gift to the church. He gave all these people so that they might prepare God's people to serve. Then the body of Christ will be built up.

Ephesians 4:11-12

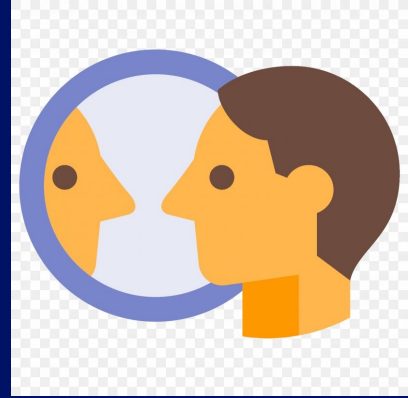


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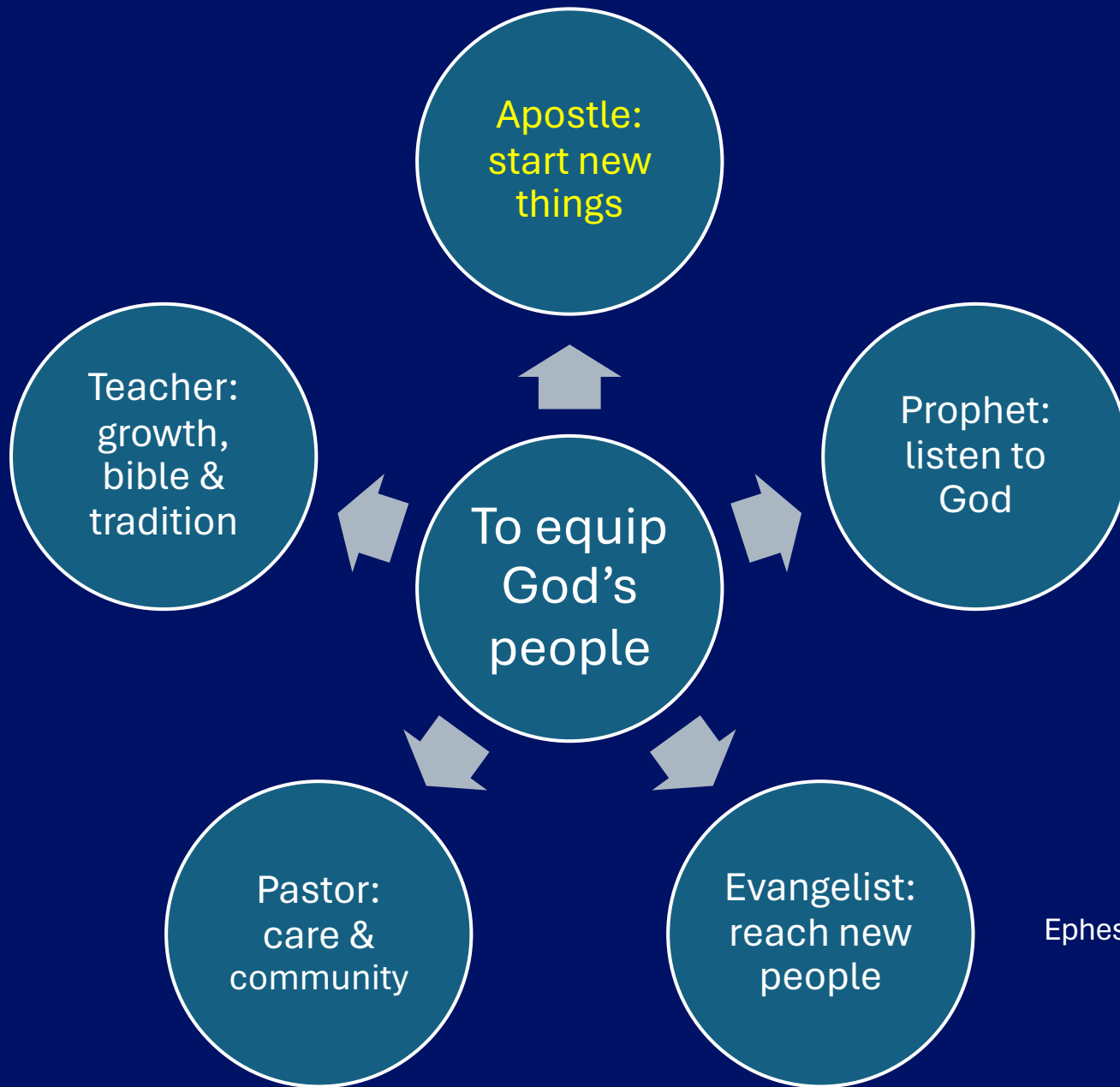


Ephesians 4:11

Self-reflection



- **Is this a gifting I have?**
- **Who in RBC do I see with that gift?**
- **What could RBC look like if God gave us this gift?**



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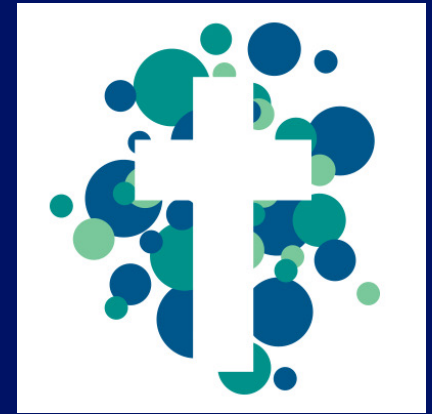
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Isaiah 43:19

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.



Apostolic Leadership

King Solomon

Revolutionized the way governance and construction were conducted in ancient Israel.



Temple Construction: Solomon's most significant project was the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, which became the center of Israel's religious life. The Temple was unlike anything seen before in Israel, employing advanced architectural techniques and imported materials from distant lands, creating a magnificent place of worship for God.

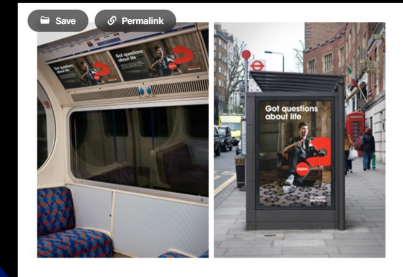
Trade and Diplomacy: Solomon established trade routes and diplomatic alliances with neighbouring nations, paved the way for peace and cooperation, and set a new standard for foreign policy in Israel.

Administrative Reforms: He streamlined governance within the kingdom by organizing it into districts, appointing officials to oversee various aspects of administration, and introducing new systems for taxation and public works projects.

Literary Contributions: Solomon's wisdom and literary contributions are documented in the biblical books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. His writings cover a wide range of topics, including morality, governance, and relationships.

Apostolic Leadership

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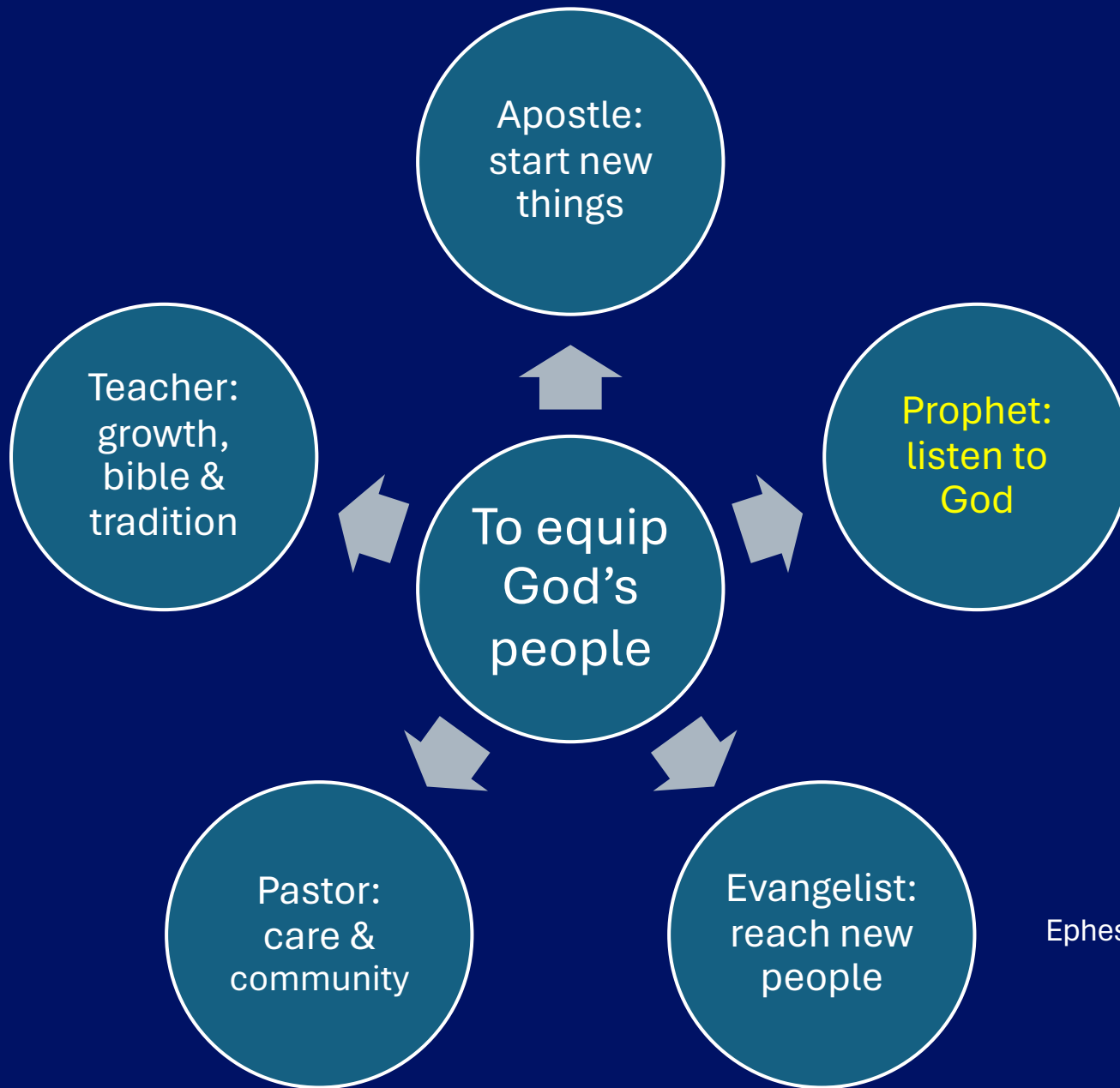


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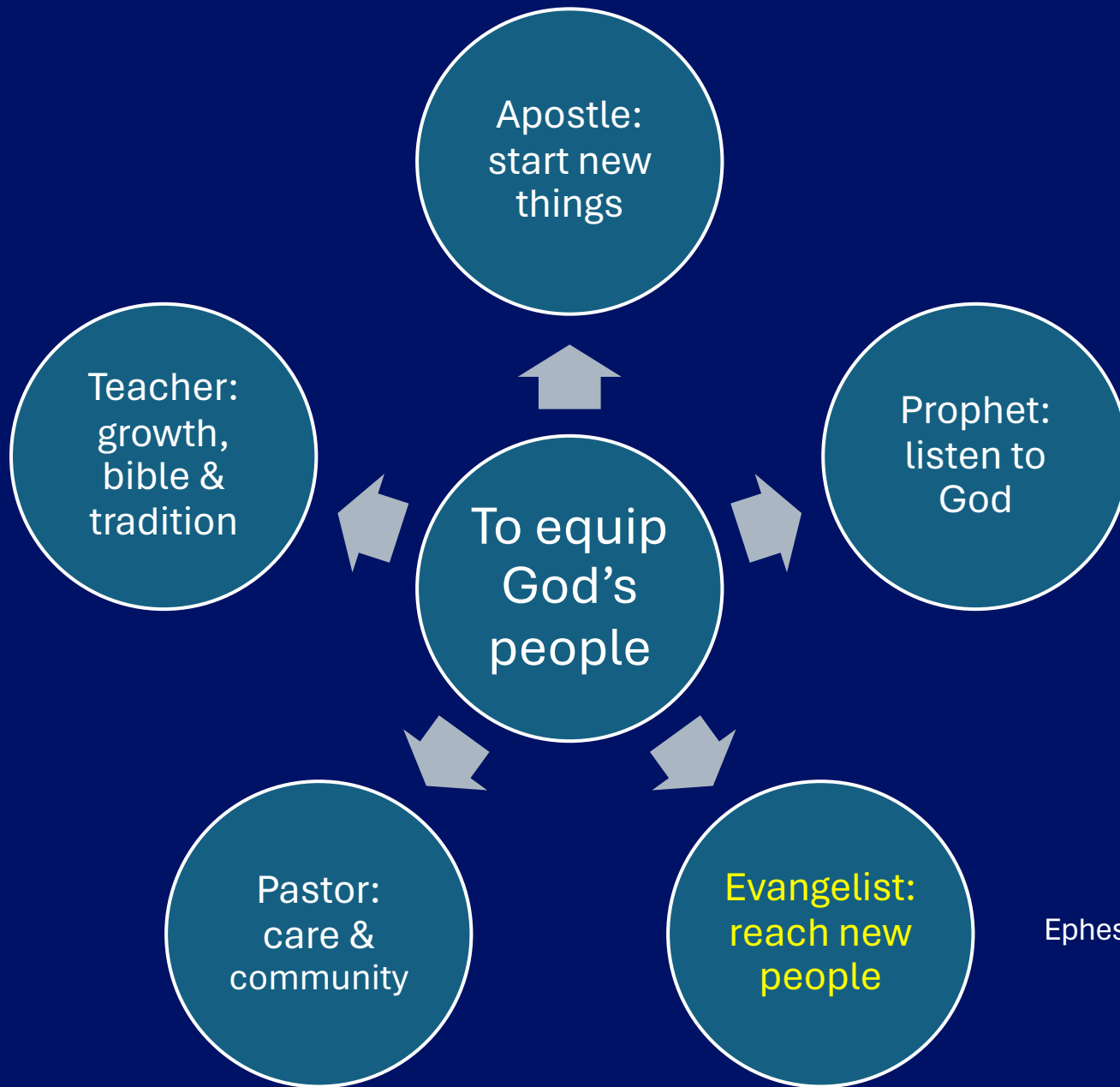


"The Church must recognize the urgency of the apostolic office and realize that apostolic leadership is not merely a historical relic but a living principle that continues to shape the church today.

Apostolic leaders are called to be bold and courageous in sharing the gospel, establishing new works, and nurturing the body of believers."



Ephesians 4:11



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Saul began to destroy the church. He went from house to house. He dragged away men and women and put them in prison.

The believers who had been scattered **preached the word everywhere they went**. Philip went down to a city in Samaria. There he preached about the Messiah. The **crowds listened** to Philip and **saw the signs** he did. All of them paid close attention to what he said. So there was **great joy** in that city. Philip **announced the good news** of God's kingdom and **the name of Jesus Christ**. So men and women **believed and were baptized**.

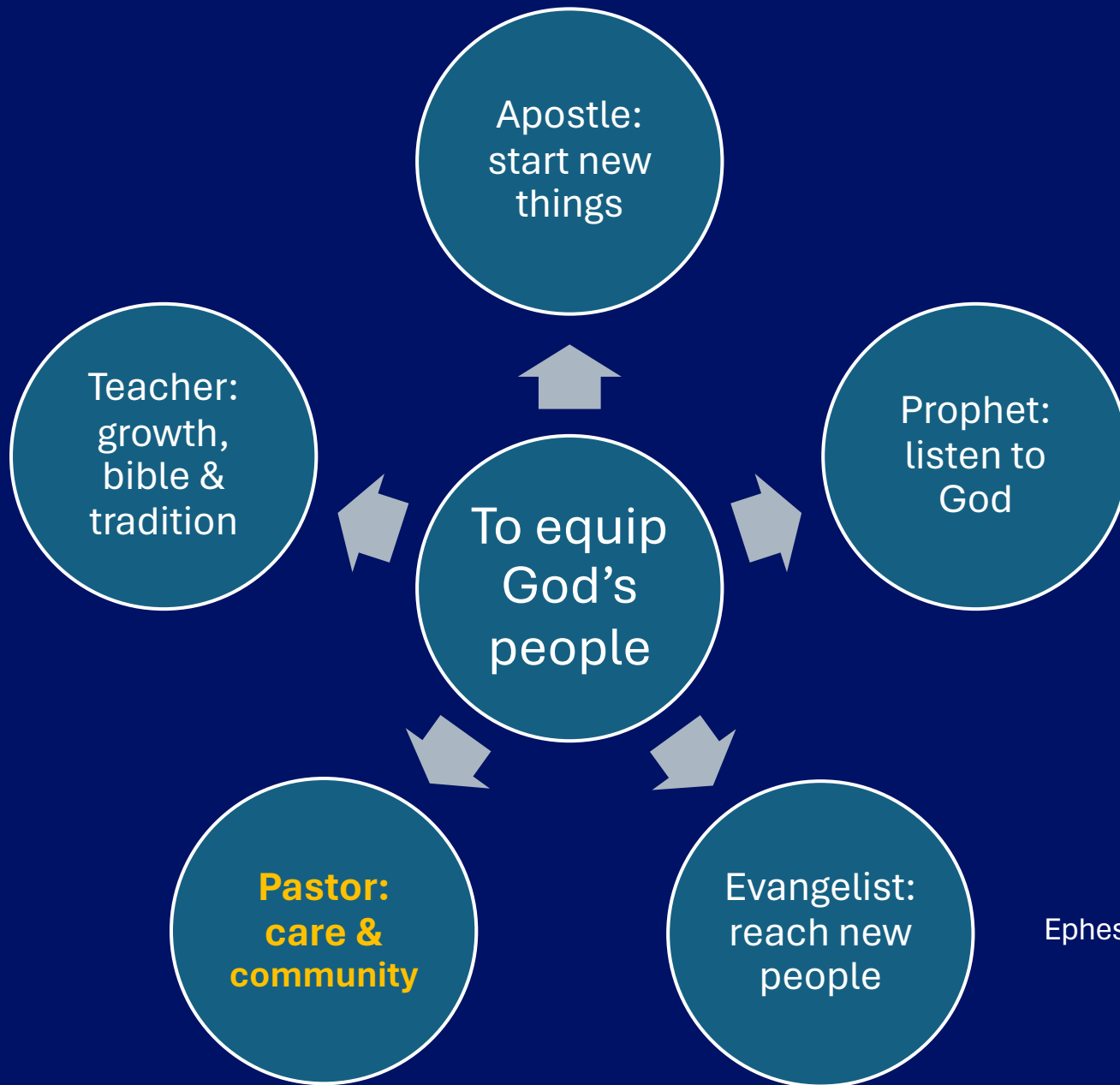
Acts 8

An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip. “Go south to the desert road,” he said. “It’s the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” The Holy Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot. Stay near it.”

So Philip ran up to the chariot. He heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you’re reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I?” he said. “I need someone to explain it to me.” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Then Philip began with that same part of Scripture. He told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8



Ephesians 4:11

Characteristics:

- Attune to anyone needing help, or who seems to be on the margins
- Encouragers and can empathise and bring comfort
- Merciful, gracious, patient
- Hospitable
- Good listeners

Motivation:

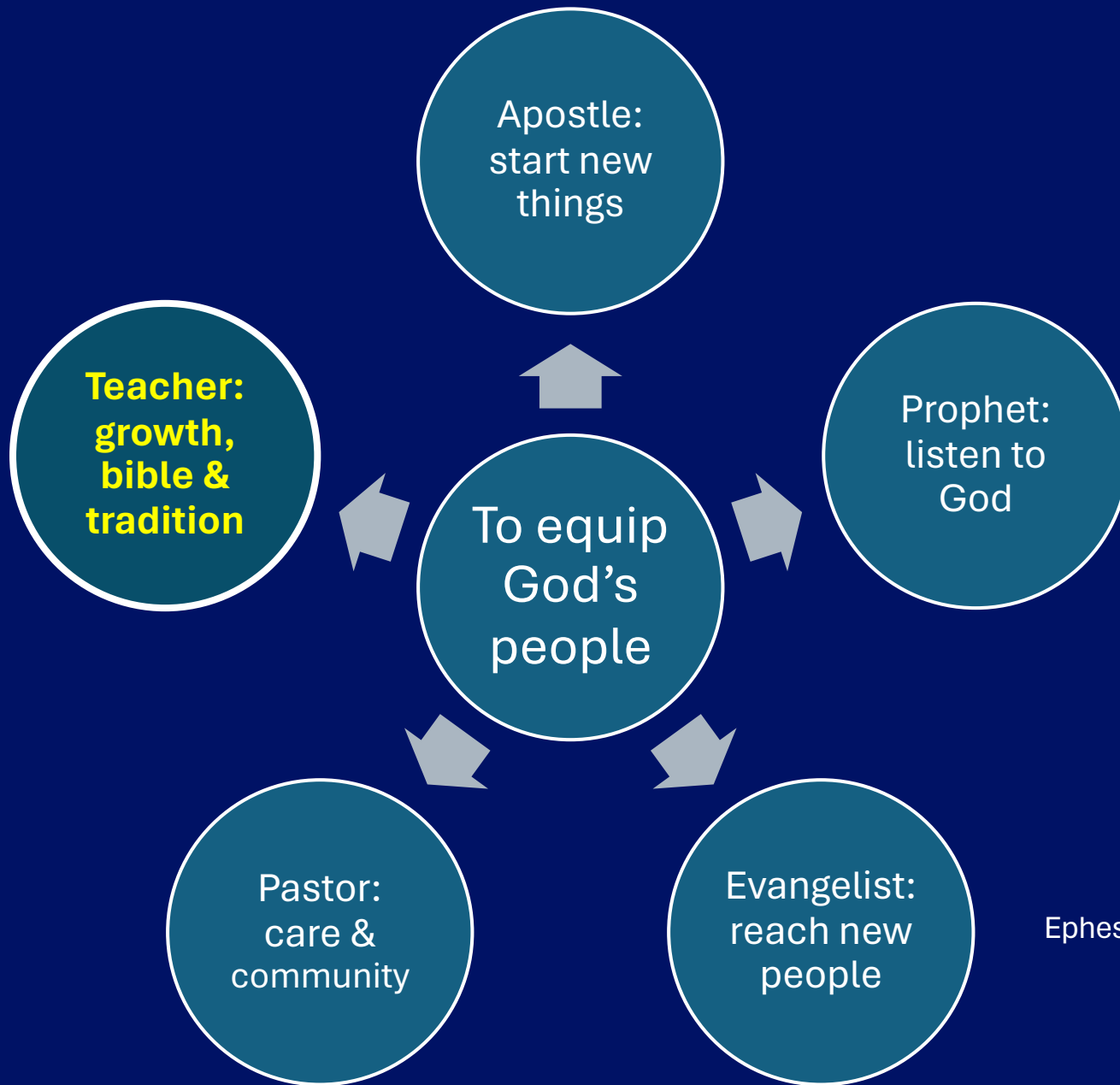
- To **see God's people grow**, mature to their full potential
- They are willing to **challenge** as well as bring **comfort** – that is part of caring
- They want to build a team and environment where **everyone can flourish**

Barnabas.

- His name means “Son of Encouragement”. Acts 4 v 36
- “Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord...” Acts 9 v 27
- “Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark with them... ..” Acts 15 v 37

Jesus.

- “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
John 10 v 11
- When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd”.



Ephesians 4:11

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who **had authority**, and not as their teachers of the law.

Matthew 7:28-29

No one has ever seen God, but the one and **only Son**, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has **made him known**.

John 1:18

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the **Law** or the **Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill them**.

Matthew 5:17

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom **new treasures as well as old.**”

Matthew 13:52

With many similar **parables** Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could **understand**.

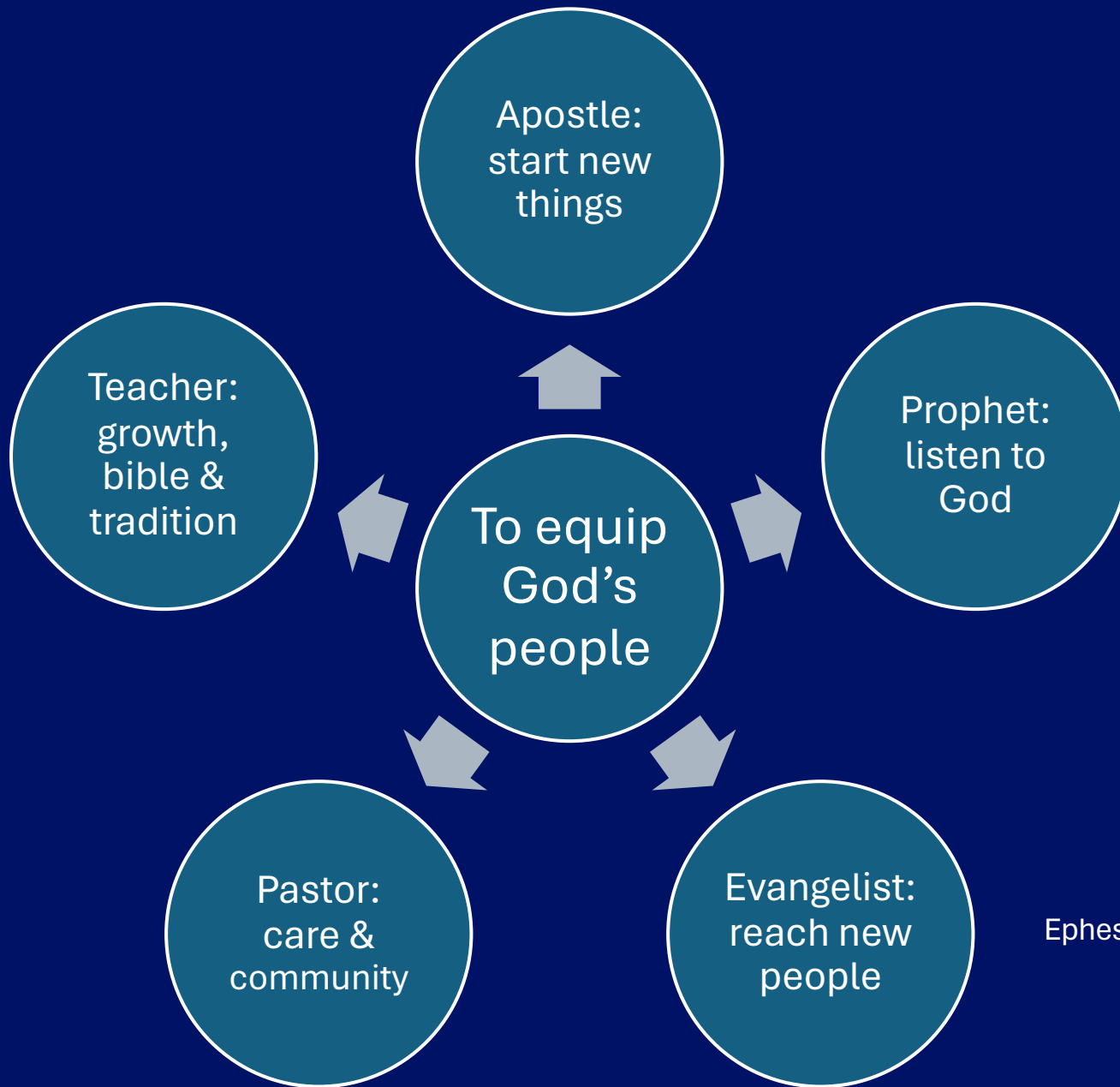
Mark 4:33

“Now that **I**, your Lord and Teacher, **have** washed your feet, **you also should** wash one another’s feet.”

John 13:14

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and **follow me**.”

Matthew 16:24



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