

# A LARGER VISION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST (EPHESIANS 4)

*\*The ministry of the Body of Christ is the ministry of Jesus. He has given each of us a part of Himself in our gifting so that as we work together the full ministry of Christ is seen in His Body.*

Apostolic Vision and Mission
<p>We are catalyzed by a Kingdom Vision shaped by The Christ-Focused Master Story. This vision is incarnated in the mission of proclaiming Christ to all and making disciples from every family on earth.</p> <p>Neil Cole: Apostles are gifted with “<b>contagious empowerment</b>,” and are tasked with the overall vigor and extension of the church as a whole, primarily through direct mission, apostolic designs of ministry and church planting. (from <i>Primal Fire: Reigniting the Church with the Five Gifts of Jesus</i>)</p>
Prophetic Passion and Direction
<p>We are shaped by the character of Christ and directed by the Spirit to faithfully challenge Idolatry with the Glory of Father-God, Ignorance with the Truth of Christ, and Injustice with Grace and Goodness.</p> <p>Neil Cole: Prophets are attuned to the voice of God and how we respond to Him. They are gifted with “<b>contagious insight</b>,” and are called to maintain the body’s faithfulness to God. As guardians of our covenant relationship with God and connecting us all to the voice of the Head of His body.</p>
Evangelical Cultivation
<p>We are moved by the power and joy of the Gospel and we want it to take deep root in our lives and in our culture by living out our calling through the gifting and empowerment of the Spirit.</p> <p>Neil Cole: Evangelists bring “<b>contagious compassion</b>” to their role as the primary recruiters to the cause of Christ, enlisting people into the movement by transmitting the Gospel and bearing the conscience of the Gospel among God’s people.</p>
Pastoral Care and Protection
<p>We are characterized by Jesus’ love which expresses itself in caring for the family of God and protecting it from malnutrition, external threats and internal sickness.</p> <p>Neil Cole: Shepherds nurture the spiritual health and development of a loving community as they exercise their gift of “<b>contagious unity</b>.”</p>
True and Faith-full Teaching
<p>We are encouraged to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior so that we are able to teach one another and encourage one another.</p> <p>Neil Cole: Teachers convey wisdom and illuminate understanding of the revelation given to the church. These are a gift of “<b>contagious learning</b>” in the body of Christ.</p>