

Consider this ...

## SELECTING LEADERS

**Issue:** How do I find men to lead our men's ministry?

**Objective:** Follow the biblical pattern of selection when considering candidates for leadership.

**Definition:** Selection – to choose with reason; to pick out from a number.

**Scripture:**

**1 God chooses men directly**

Exodus 3:4	Moses
1 Samuel 3:4	Samuel
Jeremiah 1:4-5	Jeremiah
Acts 9:3-9	Paul

**2 God instructs men directly to choose men**

1 Samuel 16:1	David
Deuteronomy 3:28	Joshua

**3 God instructs men through others to choose men**

Exodus 18:21	Jethro instructs Moses
2 Timothy 2:2	Paul instructs Timothy

**4 God in the flesh chose men**

Mark 3:13-14	Apostles
Luke 6:12-13	Apostles
Matthew 17:1	Peter, James and John

**5 God chooses men through men**

Acts 1:20-26	Matthias
Acts 6:3-6	Deacons
Acts 13:1-3	Barnabas and Paul
Acts 15:40	Silas

**Convictions on Selection:**

- 1 Selection process must be bathed in prayer and fasting
- 2 Selection is more on the part of the one being selected than on the one(s) doing the selecting
- 3 Select individuals out of a group of capable candidates
- 4 Select after sufficient time to observe
  - .....outer life – results, fruit, relationships
  - .....inner life – devotion, integrity, faithfulness
- 5 Selection is an ability, responsibility and gifting of leadership

**Putting the Convictions to Work:**

- 1 Pray! Pray!! Pray!!!
- 2 Understand the kind of man you are looking for.
- 3 Allow a man to be faithful with little before you ask him to be faithful with much (Luke 16)
- 4 Be careful to place a man in his area of gifting (Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:28-31)

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