

SELECTING AND TRAINING FAITHFUL MEN

INTRODUCTION

- A. Outline
- B. Objectives

I. THE BIBLICAL MANDATE FOR TRAINING FAITHFUL MEN

- A. Training faithful men is Christ's mandate
 - 1. *The central verb of this verse is not "to go," but it is to "make disciples."*
 - 2. *"Teaching" is a part of the discipleship process.*
 - 3. *The other idea in this verse is "to obey."*
 - 4. *Christ said to teach them "everything."*
- B. Training faithful men was Christ's method.
 - 1. *"To be with Him"*
 - 2. *Then to "send them out"*
 - 3. *To "give them Authority"*
- C. Training faithful men was Paul's mandate.
 - 1. *The model here is ofte: one person with another person.*
 - 2. *The content dimension is especially clear from the Scripture and the Gospel Paul was preaching.*
 - 3. *The purpose, or the result, was again ministry.*
- D. Training faithful men was not only Paul's mandate, but also his method.
- E. Training faithful men produced the model church.

II. NINE BENEFITS OF TRAINING FAITHFUL MEN

- 1. It will multiply your ministry.
- 2. It will accelerate in-depth growth in a few.
- 3. It will enable you to better use your gifts.
- 4. It will enable you to better use your time.
- 5. It will promote in-depth understanding of your people.
- 6. It will promote love and unity.
- 7. It will promote a successful small group strategy in your church or churches.
- 8. It will promote your personal spiritual growth.
- 9. It will lighten your counselling load.

III. TEN ESSENTIAL COMMITMENTS

- 1. A commitment to follow the example and teaching of Jesus and Paul in training faithful men.
- 2. A commitment to rearrange ministry priorities and time, in order to train faithful men.
- 3. A commitment to pray for and to only select faithful men.
- 4. A commitment to be a worthy example in character and actions.
- 5. A commitment to view the men in your study group as individuals, not just as part of a program.
- 6. A commitment to be prepared for every session that you are leading.

7. A commitment to maintain a sense of systematic study and accountability.
8. A commitment to meet individually with members of your group.
9. A commitment to be available to men you are training when needs or problems arise in their personal lives.
10. A commitment to pray for the men and their families.

IV. THE SELECTION OF MEN

- A. Has this man a desire to help shepherd the flock of God.
- B. Is he progressing in his Christian character as measured by the leadership qualities necessary in I Timothy 3 and in Titus 1.
- C. Has he access to ministry opportunities.
- D. Has he a teachable spirit.
- E. Does he exhibit a desire for training.
- F. Has this man the time necessary to study and to meet weekly.
- G. Is this man's educational level appropriate for the material.

V. TAKING ACTION: FINDING AND SELECTING FAITHFUL MEN:

- A. After praying, select a few serious people who want to study the Bible with you.
- B. Remind yourself that the training of faithful men is not an option if you want to see things happen.
- C. Remind yourself that God has gifted others as well as yourself.
- D. Rearrange your schedule to make it a priority to train faithful men.
- E. Review the qualifications.
- F. Be on the alert for indications of faithful men.
- G. Pray for God to give you insight regarding who to choose.
- H. Take the initiative to approach individually each of the men you have selected.

VI. ROLE AND USE OF NEW LIFE MATERIALS IN TRAINING FAITHFUL MEN

- A. The design of the Lectures, Workshops and Courses
 1. *We have academics, ministry skills, and character development.*
 2. *Remember you do not need to be an expert teacher or an expert in the content.*
- B. Limitations of the Lectures, Workshops and Courses
- C. Level of the courses
- D. Basic course strategy

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT