

THE EQUIPPING OF THE SPIRIT TO LEAD

Acts 6:1-7

LEADERS NEEDED – PATTERN

Example #1 Acts 6:1-7

_____ / **Change Occurs**

- 2:41 those who received his word were baptized, and there were added about 3000 souls!
- 4:4 many who heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about 5000!
- 5:14 more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women!
- 6:1 now in these days the disciples were increasing in number!

_____ **Needed**

- 6:1 a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. The twelve said pick out from among you seven men whom we will appoint to this duty.”

Example #2 Acts 11:19-26

Growth / Change Occurs

- 11:21 In Antioch . . . a great number who believed turned to the Lord!

Leaders Needed

- 11:22 The report of this came to the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch . . . and he exhorted them . . .

Growth/Change Occurs

- 11:24 a great many people were added to the Lord

Leaders Needed

- 11:25 Barnabas went to look for Saul . . . and for a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people.

What can we learn from this pattern?

LEADERS EMERGE – PROCESS

Component #1 Gifted /_____

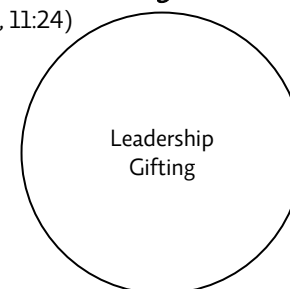
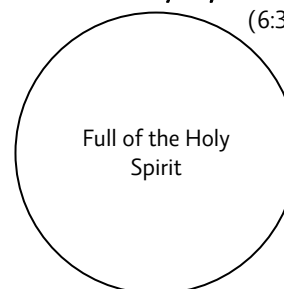
- 13:1-2 the Holy Spirit sent Barnabas and Saul to Cyprus
- 20:28 the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to care for the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Component #2 Witnessed /_____

- 6:5-6 chose seven men, laid hands on them
- 13:3 laid hands on them and sent them off

What is it that people see/experience that brings affirmation?

(6:3, 6:5, 7:55, 11:24)



What can we learn from this process?

LEADERS ARE EFFECTIVE – PROGRESS

- Acts 6:7 and the word of God continued to increase, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith

- Acts 11:26 in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians

The Result of Good Leadership:

What can we learn from this emphasis on missional progress?