

LIGHT THE WAY

SHINE BRIGHT FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Generation to Generation · the Mystery and the Methods

THE CHALLENGE FOR AMERICAN CHRISTIANS : Democracy ≠ Theocracy

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH: Ephesians 4:1-16

THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE CHURCH

- Humble vs Arrogant
- Gentle vs Harsh
- Patient vs Resistant
- Tolerant vs Prejudiced
- Diligent vs Disregarding
- Unified vs Dissenting
- Peaceful vs Discordant

THE LEADER OF THE CHURCH

- GOD
 - Father
 - Son
 - Holy Spirit

THE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists
- Pastors
- Teachers

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

- Equipping
- Building-up
- Unity
- Knowledge
- Maturity

EPHESIANS 4:14-16: *“As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming, but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”*

THE METHODS TO DETERMINE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

1. Draw Straws

“So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias and they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.” - Acts 1:23-26

2. Chosen by the Chosen

“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God’s steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.” - Titus 1:5-9

3. Promoted from Within

“This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.” - 1 Timothy 1:18-19, 4:14-16

THE MYSTERY: God has already chosen the next Senior Pastor for Calvary Church; he is a Gift from God

THE METHOD:

- Chosen by the Chosen
 - Promoted from Within
 - Recognized by the Congregation
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NEXT STEPS

1. **Donate, volunteer, or join us for Light the Night.** Light the Night is a big 10-acre party for the whole family with fun attractions, good food and music, and it wouldn't be possible without help from our Calvary Church family! Here are some ways you can get involved:

Donate: We need lots of candy and cupcakes to give out at Light the Night. You can help by picking up a donation item card at either of the Light the Night Donation Stations in the Lobby. Purchase the item on that card, and bring it back to drop off on a Sunday in the Lobby, or to Calvary Town or the Church Office during the week.

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed in all areas during both shifts (5:15 - 7:00 pm & 7:00 - 8:45 pm) to help staff Lil' Light the Night, greeting guests, security and other areas. Sign up in Children's Ministries during the week, or in the lobby on Sundays. You may also contact us at 714.550.2348.

Invite friends and join us! Use the invite card in the bulletin today - or get more from the Lobby - to invite your friends and family to join us for this incredible evening of fun that's free and safe for the whole family! Then join us from 5:30 - 8:30 pm on Tuesday, October 31! Learn more at calvarylife.org/ltn

2. Visit the **NeighborGood** table in the lobby to volunteer to serve at this event on November 11. NeighborGood is a special day dedicated to serving our Orange County neighbors through intentional acts of service, with no strings attached. Learn more at calvarylife.org/neighborgood



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