



Voting Justification

Why and What we Vote For

Voting tends to create division. For instance, if I were to say to you, "How many of you like this shirt I'm wearing?" Three of you might like it and fifty of you might not like it. Two hundred and fifty of you might not care. Every time you take a vote somebody loses. Nobody can win all the time. Not pastors, not elders, not deacons. So if you vote on everything, pretty soon you've got a church full of losers! The harmony has gone down and the love has gone down because the division has gone up because you're voting on everything. The Bible says that anytime you divide the church you harm the fellowship of the church. The problem if a church votes on every little thing, you are causing people to take sides, creating division in the church. Paul talks about this in the Corinthian church. He says "Often your meetings do more harm than good." "Because I hear that when you come together as a church there are divisions among you." For that reason we limit voting to the essentials.

Voting is not in the Bible. What do the following have in common, voting, committees, boards, parliamentary procedure, majority rule, elections, board member? None of them are in the Bible. Not one of them. What we have done is we have taken our culture's form of government which does have voting, elections, committees, majority rule etc ... and we've imposed it on the church.

Voting is so foreign in the New Testament that there's not one example of voting in the New Testament. You would think if they voted on anything it would have been choosing Judas' replacement. They had to pick an apostle to replace him because he went out and committed suicide. How did they choose? It says they cast lots. That means they rolled dice. Voting was so foreign to their thinking they were more likely to draw straws than they were to vote.

Voting can divide by assuming the majority is right. There is not one example of majority rule in the New Testament except when Paul was taken prisoner on the ship to Rome and he told them, "God's told me, even though I'm the prisoner, not to set sail. If you do, we're going to run into a storm." But the majority of the sailors thought it would be good anyway so they left. And the ship wrecked. The majority is often wrong. In the Old Testament the majority of the Israelites wanted to go back to Egypt and Moses said, "No, we've got to keep going. We've got to go to the Promised Land."



Outside of the above, all the decisions of the church are made by the people actually making the decisions in the ministry. Children's Ministry makes the decision for children's ministry. The point is, the church is a fellowship. So we don't divide the church through votes.

