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How NOT to invite someone into Ministry

Equipping Team presentation to the Congregation

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Alice: You remember the Equipping Team from last week. This morning they’re going to show us one way to invite someone to serve at church.

*(Mark, Todd and Rob are involved in conversation.)*

Mark: We have GOT to get someone to serve as president of this congregation. The congregation meeting is next Sunday!

Rob: I know. I had ten people on my list to call. TEN! Would you believe they all said no?

Mark: Hey, here comes Herb. If we work together, I bet we can get him to say yes.

*(Mark and \_Rob approach Herb…big smiles…hands out stretched.)*

Rob: Hey, Herb, it’s been a long time! How ya been doin’, buddy?

Herb: Not so good. Things are crazy at work.

Mark: Oh, yah things are crazy all over. I guess we just have to be happy we have jobs, huh?

Rob: Say, Herb, the three of us have been talking and we think you’d make a GREAT president for our congregation.

Mark: For sure! We all agree…you’re the man, man!

Herb: I don’t know. I’ve only been a Christian for about two months. I don’t know anything about this church. I wouldn’t know what to do.

Todd: Hey, there’s nothing to it! You lead the Board of Directors meeting each month and the congregation meeting once a quarter and Tim Eickstead always makes out the agenda and all you have to do is read it. You can read, can’t you?

Herb: Well, yeh, but I don’t know…

Todd: Listen, the Board of Directors’ meeting is tomorrow night.

Herb: is there a job description?

Todd: You mean something written down? (*Herb nods)* Man, this is the church. We’re not a Fortune 500 company. You come to the meeting. We’ll tell you what to do.

*(Judy holds up a sign that reads: THE NEXT NIGHT.)*

*(Karen holds up a sign that reads: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING)*

*(Kris holds up a sign that reads: NO HERB)*

Pastor Ron: (looking a watch) It’s well past our starting time. Where’s Herb?

Mark: I don’t know. (in a frustrated voice) You’d think he’d be on time for his first meeting!

Pastor Ron: We’re going to have to get started. I need at least an hour for My State of the Congregations address.

*(At this point Herb comes in hesitantly, looking around)*

Herb: Is this the Board of Directors’ meeting? (Group nods; several board members say yes, sure is etc.) Thank goodness! I’ve been all over this campus looking for you guys.

Pastor Ron: Glad you finally made it. Why don’t you go ahead and open the meeting with a prayer?

Herb: A prayer????

As the Board files off stage:

(Judy holds sign reading: Herb’s goose is cooked)

(Karen holds a sign reading: Herb leaves the Board)

(Kris holds sign reading: Herb leaves the congregation)

(Judy holds sign reading: Herb was never seen again)

(Gals each hold a different cared: THE BOARD DIDN’T KNOW WHY