



Intro

Whether you are a politics junkie or not, you are now being inundated with news about the Presidential transition, which includes the nomination process of the President-elect's cabinet. So, why not take advantage of a ready-made analogy for how God builds His own team?

Materials

- Each student will need a Bible.
- You'll need a whiteboard or data projection for displaying student responses.
- The list of U.S. Cabinet positions (on student page), for data projection or to distribute to students.

Open

After your group has gathered, open your time by brainstorming on this question:

We've been hearing a lot lately about the Presidential transition, which includes the nomination process of the President-elect's Cabinet. So, let's try this exercise: If you were to build a presidential Cabinet using Bible people, who would you pick to head each department?

Display your list of Cabinet departments (without suggested answers), asking students who they'd pick to head each department. As soon as you get your first response your group will be off and running, but if you need some ideas, check out the suggestions below. Write or project your group's answers as they are given.

Cabinet Position	Bible Person Nominee
Communications Director	Holy Spirit: constantly communicating what's going on
Press Secretary	Gabriel: proclaimer of Good News
Secretary of Defense	Joshua: winner of many military campaigns
Secretary of the Treasury	Matthew: a tax collector (definitely not Judas, though he may apply for the job)
Attorney General	Moses: he knows the rules
Secretary of Commerce	Either Peter, James or John: experts in the fishing trade
Secretary of Labor	Mary: mother of Jesus, most famous labor of all-time
Secretary of Education	Solomon: brings unprecedented wisdom
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Luke: a physician with attention to orderly accounts
Secretary of State	Esther: a master at dealing with foreign heads of state
Secretary of Homeland Security	Samson: say no more
Director of National Intelligence	Any of The Twelve Spies

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Secretary of Energy	Either Shadrach, Meshach or Abednego: much knowledge about hot furnaces
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Eleazar: brings great experience as priest in charge of the traveling Tabernacle
Secretary of Transportation	Noah: knows how to get around, especially when catastrophe strikes
Secretary of Interior	John the Baptist: has special insight on locusts and wilderness
Secretary of Agriculture	Adam: knows how to work a Garden or do hard-toil with land
UN Ambassador	Apostle Paul: well-traveled and knows the value of citizenship

Digging In

After you've had some fun creating your Cabinet, direct your students to read 1 Corinthians 12:18-19 from their Bibles or a Bible app. Then ask:

Who has picked you to be on His "cabinet"?

After God picked you, where did He put you?

Taking It Inward

Process this passage by discussing these questions.

What events/experiences have happened that have led you to be a part of this youth ministry?

How have you seen God's hand in those events?

Knowing God has picked this team (your youth ministry) to minister together, how does that make you feel toward fellow members of this youth ministry?

Seal the Deal

Close your time by discussing these action points:

God has placed you with this team because of your unique talents and giftedness. What can you do to develop these talents and gifts?

What can you do to help others develop their talents and gifts?

How can we work together as a team to do what God has called us to do?



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Secretary of Health and Human Services	
Secretary of State	
Secretary of Homeland Security	
Director of National Intelligence	
Secretary of Energy	
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	
Secretary of Transportation	
Secretary of Interior	
Secretary of Agriculture	
UN Ambassador	

