



4 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN APPROACHING YOUR PASTOR

1. Pray beforehand...

- No ministry will be effective without the power of prayer, including disability ministry
- Be praying for your pastor and your church as a whole
- Pray for the mindset and heart of your pastor on the need to minister to and alongside those that have disabilities

2. Your pastor is most likely a pretty busy person...

- Sunday mornings are no exception to this. Your pastor is dealing with lots of behind the scenes issues on Sunday and needs to be focused on his message. Instead, ask him to meet you in person at a time that is convenient.
- Most pastors love hearing what God is doing in the hearts of those in his congregation. Choosing to discuss these things at an appropriate time will help your pastor to better receive your vision for disabilities ministry at your church.

3. Disability ministry isn't on everyones radar...

- It is likely that your church already has several other ministries that require time, people, money, prayer, and tons of other resources. Asking to start another ministry or program means a need for more of those already limited resources.
- Present disabilities ministry as an opportunity that your church currently isn't a part of and about your level of commitment to seeing those with disabilities belonging to a body of believers.
- Invite your pastor to listen to The Banquet Network podcasts, attend a seminar, or view some of our theology of disability resources.
- After meeting, allow him some time to process your conversation. In the meantime, continue to pray for the direction of your church and your pastor.

4. Don't be fearful...

- Starting a disabilities ministry can be scary but don't let that hinder you from reaching out to your leadership.
- At The Banquet Network our first and primary strategy is prayer. We have mentioned praying for your church and pastor but there is also a need to prayer for yourself in this journey. Pray about what your role might be in all of this and how to effectively bring this information to your pastor and those around you.



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4. Don't be fearful (continued)...

- Pastor's are encouraged when they hear how God is working in the church because it means just that... God is working! If your church decides to move forward with starting a disabilities ministry you will not be alone. The people that are dedicated to disabilities ministry see the importance in the role of those with disabilities in the Kingdom and are faithful in seeing it through.
- However, if your church needs some more time to move forward, continue to seek out ways for you to be involved such as volunteering in an assisted living community. Finally, continue to pray for church and don't be afraid to re-approach your pastor later down the road.