

# WHO DECIDES?

- a post-election reflection



**Q: How many decisions have you made already today?**

*Think of everything you've done from waking up to leaving your house...*

**Q: Where outside of your own home do you feel most able to make decisions?**



**AT SOCIAL CLUBS**



**AMONG FRIENDS**



**IN MY  
COMMUNITY**



**AT WORK /  
SCHOOL**



**IN CHURCH**



**IN AN ELECTION**

**Read the Bible passage** from Acts Chapter 6 verses 1-7 (slightly shortened) and think about if we can learn anything about decision-making from that text?

**Look at the "Voting card".**

**Which option do you think most people would choose when making a decision. Why?**

## **A PROBLEM SOLVED (Acts Chapter 6 v 1-7 (slightly shortened))**

As the number of disciples kept growing, there was a quarrel between the Greek-speaking Jews and the native Jews.

The Greek-speaking Jews claimed that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of funds.

So twelve apostles called the whole group of believers together and said:

“It is not right for us to neglect the preaching of God’s word in order to handle finances. So then, brothers and sisters, choose seven men among you who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and we will put them in charge of this matter. We ourselves, then, will give our full time to prayer and preaching.”

The whole group was pleased with the apostles’ proposal, so they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolaus, a gentile from Antioch who had earlier been converted to Judaism.

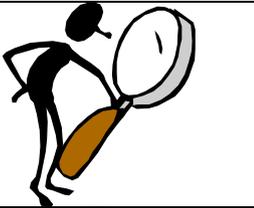
The group presented them to the apostles who prayed and placed their hands on them.

And so the word of God continued to spread and the number of disciples in Jerusalem grew larger and larger.

# DECISION TIME !

- WHERE DO YOU THINK MOST PEOPLE PUT THEIR "X" WHEN MAKING DECISIONS?

- WHERE DO YOU PUT YOURS?

	<p>Traditions, habits and what's been tried and tested before</p>	
	<p>What the majority thinks, what family and friends think, peer pressure</p>	
	<p>Looking for the facts and making decisions based on information, facts and figures.</p>	
	<p>Praying, reflecting and letting a decision take time.</p>	
	<p>Listening to experts and politicians who argue for their case</p>	
	<p>Wait until the last minute and make a rushed decision without having reflected on all the options.</p>	