

opposite of theirs. So how can we vote together whether to install him. He said, I don't see any point in my meeting with them. And I think he was right.

But now, if you get ~~that~~ a group of men together in a situation like that, who are you. They make a judgment, they are the answer. The only difference in this regard with the Pres. system and the Congre. system in practicality, is that the Pres. system, your body that decides is a permanent body. In your Congre. system it is a group of men called together. Now I believe there are Baptist groups in which they have a permanent committee, or some permanent arrangement ~~xxx~~ for ordination which is not always but generally used. But in most Baptist groups I think they are pretty much a matter of invitation. Those who are on it.

(question) The difference in the principle is the same. That the people vote on selecting a man, but you have a group of experts vote as to whether the man is worthy of the office. The principle of this is the same. But the question is, who is going to vote, and how long a time are they going to take in deciding how to vote. Well now, if you have a group that is called for the purpose ~~to be permanent~~, this group may change from time to time, supposedly they ~~do not~~ do not know anything about the man except what they learn on that day, or what they are told. And they have no jurisdiction over him once he is ordained. Those are the differences. But in fundamental principle, it is the same. It is a group of elders, a group of men who have themselves who are making a very vital part of the decision as to who shall be the preacher in the church. It is fundamentally the same principle. Now those matters of detail are important, but the principle is identical. It is the decision of the function in two bodies.

(question) Yes, but in the Pres. system, and it is supposed to be, that is most of the Pres. manuals say this, while the great stress is on the doctrine of correctness. Also, they are supposed to hear a sermon. When I was in the old Pres. U.S.A. of Philadelphia, we used to always have the men get up and talk to the whole presbytery, for five, ten or fifteen minutes. And then the