

LEADERSHIP LESSON # 75: BEGINNING A HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

OUTLINE BY KENNY HOOMES

Today more than **8 million** people are homebound because of illness, handicap or other physical problems. Often they are overlooked and/or forgotten by their church home.

Every church should give **consideration** to establishing a homebound ministry.

Homebound people can be classified into at least **four** categories.

1. Those individuals living **permanently** in an **institutional** setting.
2. Those individuals living temporarily in a **rehab** or **convalescent** center.
3. Individuals living in their own homes with the help of a **paid sitter**.
4. Adults that have moved into the homes of their **adult children**.

A fifth category would include the **caregiver** of the homebound person. Often the needs of the caregiver are not met due to their 24/7 care of their loved one.

Steps to beginning a Homebound Ministry

1. **Identify** people who cannot attend your Sunday School or Worship Services due to physical limitations. It is important to also think of **prospects** and not just church members when establishing this ministry.
2. **Determine** if there is a need for providing Bible study and fellowship for these individuals. Is there another church or group already meeting this need?
3. **Discuss** your findings with key church leaders (Sunday school directors, pastor, minister of education).
4. **Secure** the personal data on the individual(s). Establish this as your homebound Sunday school role.
5. **Enlist** your team of workers. The size of this team will depend on the number of needs located.
6. **Determine** the timetable for kicking off this new and vital ministry.
7. **Team up** your associates with the homebound individuals to whom they will minister.
8. **Bathe** the ministry in prayer.

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