

# 2 by 2 or 12

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Partnership

*Mar 16:15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.]]*

Jesus Christ is such a great example of how we should do things. So many times the Bible refers to Christ and how he had done things. Also.... His behavior and aptitude or attitude. A lot of the things Christ did is not understood by us. One of the things we still don't understand is his approach to partnership or team. He always worked alone. He never really needed anyone, yet, he chose 12. When he wanted to expand his proclamation of the kingdom, he sent out 72, two by two. Why? What did he see in the 72 he couldn't do himself. Why did he leave and why didn't he choose the best 12? Why didn't He choose one replacement, but 12, even after two of them failed him completely.

## 1. Christ and his team

### 1.1. The 72

- a) Jesus get's excited and chooses 72.
  - 72 people to spread the news.
  - He understood the value of the different voices.
  - Everyone worked in the same power as Christ.
- b) He sent them out two by two
  - He understood the value of them to work in teams.
  - One by one they would not have the same effect!

### 1.2. When Christ was finished on earth he chose 12

- a) The 12 was failures and they have made several mistakes.
- b) They were not even trusted by each other.
- c) When they wanted to be extremely successful they had to all work.
- d) He did not choose one, but all.
- e) Everyone had something to bring to the table.

### 1.3. Jesus prayed for unity.

- a) He didn't pray as if it was the added ingredient, but the primary ingredient.
- b) Unity is a group of believers being together.
- c) Each one being..... together they are complete.

## 2. Christ needs us to work together

### 2.1. Stand together

- a) If Christ chose and entrusted us, why do we doubt each other?
- b) If the Holy Spirit equipped some what makes you so great that you don't need the rest.
- c) How do you think you will reach the whole world.

### 2.2. Working together is His dream

- a) A lot of times we ask God to show us what to do,
  - but the bigger truth is that he wants us to do it with others.
  - The what is not as important as the fact that we should do it together.
- b) It seems simple to be obedient on our own, but can we pray together about what we should do?

### Things to think and do

- Are you ready to be part of a team?
- Do you think like Christ? - TEAM
- Are you equipped on your own?