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Series: Back to the Basics
Title: Team Ministry
Text: Selected Scriptures



The Roots of Team Ministry: Biblical principles and practices.

* Team ministry is not specifically **prescribed** but frequently **described** in Scripture.

- The principle. We are designed for togetherness. (Proverbs 18:1; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- The principle in practice:
 - Christ sent the 12 disciples out "two by two" (Mark 6:7; Luke 10:1)
 - The Apostle Paul was clearly committed to team ministry. (Romans 16:3, 9; 2 Corinthians 1:24, 8:23; Philippians 2:25; 4:3; Colossians 4:10-11; Thessalonians 3:2)

The Heart of Team Ministry: Collaboration in Christ

1. Shared Burdens and Sympathy (Philippians 2:19-20; 2:26-27)
2. Prayer for and with One Another (1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1)
3. Expressing Affection and High Regard (1 Timothy 1:2; 1 Corinthians 4:17)
4. Sharing Ministry Updates and Encouraging Reports (1 Thessalonians 3:6-7)
5. Correcting and Challenging in Love (Galatians 2:11-14)

The Benefits of Team Ministry: Healthy hearts, relationships, & fruit.

Benefit #1: Team ministry prioritizes "being" before "doing."

- Luke 10:38-42; 1 Peter 5:5b-6; 1 Corinthians 15:10

Benefit #2: Team ministry thrives on mutual reliance.

- Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:3b-4

Benefit #3: Team ministry provides a framework for healthy discipleship & effective ministry.

- Mark 3:14

"Don't do anything by yourself when you can do it with someone else."
(E. Stanley Ott)

The "With Me" principle is fundamentally about **life-on-life discipleship**.

Conclusion:

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Hebrews 10:24

Questions to Consider and Discuss:

1. What biblical principles or examples mentioned in the sermon resonated most with you, and how do they challenge or affirm your current understanding of ministry?
 2. In what ways do you actively seek to *edify and encourage* those you serve alongside, and what's one practical step you could take to do this more intentionally this week?
 3. The sermon highlights that Paul expressed his heart for co-laborers through shared burdens, prayer, affection, shared updates, and even loving correction. Which of these expressions of "collaboration in Christ" do you find easiest, and which do you find most challenging to practice in your relationships within the church or other teams? Why?
 4. How might integrating "Word-Share-Prayer" into your personal or group routine help you prioritize "being" in Christ over simply "doing" for Christ?
 5. How could you personally apply the "With Me" principle in your life to better disciple someone, or to be discipled by another, in the coming weeks?
 6. How would you evaluate your own connection to a team within the church, and what might God be inviting you to adjust or lean into more deeply?
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