

Jesus on Leadership
Build a Team
Mark 6:7-13

What do you think are the greatest problems facing our world today? How you answer that depends on a lot of things...where you are from, how you grew up, where you've been, what you've experienced.

Whatever would make your list of the biggest issues facing the 21st century world, my guess is that when you think about those issues, it's easy to throw up your hands in defeat because they just seem so big and what difference really could one person make in trying to tackle these devastating challenges.

Reach a **SHARED MISSION** together!

When you stop counting, it's a sign that you've stopped caring.

When God created humanity, the first thing He did was to put together a team...**Genesis 2:18, 23-24**. When Jesus was asked about our greatest priority in life, He responded...**Matthew 22:37-39**

Mark 6:7-13 — *7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.*

1. Be **CLEAR** about the mission.

7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

2. Be **VULNERABLE** to build trust.

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Constraints drive Creativity...and I'll go even one further...Constraints drive Connection.

3. Be **ACTIVE** with the plan.

10 And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there.

4. Be **HONEST** about the obstacles.

11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

5. Be **ACCOUNTABLE** for the results.

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Jesus’ ministry on earth is a compellingly clear example of an important leadership principle: Mission continues when people are captured by it, equipped to do it, and “teamed” to carry it out.

Let’s talk about building a team...

1. What was the purpose for Jesus sending out the 12 in pairs of two (v.7)?
2. What was the specific mission that Jesus gave the 12 when He sent them out (v.7)?
3. Why do you think Jesus told them not to take anything with them (v.8)?
4. What is the place of planning and preparation when it comes to accomplishing a mission?
5. What would it look like for us to practice the kind of hospitality that was practiced in this mission (v.10)?
6. How do we get sidetracked from accomplishing the mission that God has given us by a preoccupation with prosperity (v.10)?
7. How do you do at handling rejection (v.11)?
8. What are you responsible for when it comes to accomplishing the mission that God has given us (v.12-13)?