



LIFE GROUP SERMON NOTES

“The Power of Two”

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“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:18-20

And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.”

WARM-UP (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- Where is your favorite spot on the planet? What’s so special about it?
- How did you connected to the job you have now?
- If you were receiving a Nobel Prize, which human person would you thank first and why?

WORD (10-15 minutes)

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The Bible speaks clearly and strongly, whether directly or through multiples examples, about the importance of unity and agreement to achieve God’s plan and purpose. Agreement means to come into or be in harmony regarding a matter of opinion. In a society that makes truth a relative matter, we need to agree that God has put us on this planet to achieve his plan and purpose. We need to bring into perspective the very reason of our existence so we can have agreement with others in the body of Christ.

I. Some Biblical Examples of Two

- Marriage: (Matthew 19: 3-8). One of the reasons marriage is under so much attack is because the devil knows what two who became one can achieve if they enter a covenant agreement.
- Paul and Barnabas: Barnabas believed in the potential God had put in Saul and he took him under his wing. There is only two of them, two against the world, but as you read the book of Acts, you get a sense that they are majority. They are making history for the sake of God’s Kingdom. Because his connection with Barnabas put Paul in the right path, he got to preach the Gospel and revolutionize the world.

- Jonathan and David. The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David. There are relationships in our life that need to be removed and others that need to be knit together. Jonathan trained David how to be king. (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

II. The Requirement of Two

- **A common ground.** By this definition, we can imply there is a common ground for moving forward either to the glory of God or for our selfish reasons. If we take God's mission at heart, we will find ways to collaborate with others to achieve God's mission. If all we can see is our selfish motives, we will find people that just tell us what we want to hear. It is amazing how people with the right heart find each other, and also how people with distorted motives find each other.
Be careful who you come into communion or relationship with. Pay attention to your spirit; bad spirits attract other bad spirits and good spirits attract other good spirits. Whatever you agree on, there is power in the agreement of two or more; even if that agreement is for the wrong purpose. Be careful who you tie yourself to.
- **Priorities.** God's kingdom and purpose ought to be our priority, not our own self-promotion. When we seek just our own interest is like trying If a compass doesn't point to the objective north, but to ourselves, that compass is pointless.
- **Sacrifice.** It is not about our own individual interests. Jonathan trained David with the understanding it meant he wouldn't get to be king. We need to help others to achieve their destiny.

III. The Benefits of Two

- Synergy. Most of what happens great in life starts with two or three.
- Protection. The relationship of Jonathan and David is a great example of this point. David's life was spare more than once because of his relationship with Jonathan.
- Productivity. Unity brings productivity. The Bible is a book of action. The gospel is the only thing on the planet that has the ability to stop injustice at its start. When we experience the power of two, the power of agreement, we will see how much God does through us in the achievement of our mission.

Whom you are yoked to will have much influence on determining how your future goes. Connect with somebody that challenges you. Your future will come down to those you are practically connected and tied to. Find someone with the right spirit. Find someone who knows God better than you. Determine to contribute to build those around you. You and I determine the strength of our relationships and partnerships. When the power of two happens, then we built a true net, and then nothing can stop us!

PERSONAL APPLICATION (10-15 minutes)

Choose an item below to discuss, or introduce another related topic for discussion.

- What's the theological truth that motivates what you do?
- What can you do in your lifetime that can impact God's mission on this earth?
- Who has God place in your life that you can agree in prayer and action for a Kingdom's cause?

PRAYER (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Pray for the marriages represented in this group to deepen their agreements to advance God's kingdom.
- Pray that you will be an instrument to edify the people around you and help them achieve their destinies.
- Pray for your partnerships to express themselves in daring feats and to bring about Kingdom fruit.