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**In This
Together**



TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE

3 Reasons from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**Adapted from Luke 10:2 ministries*



FRUITFULNESS

"Because they have a good return for their work" (v. 9). As the old saying goes, "Two heads are better than one." Two people working together can accomplish more than each individual working separate. We are called to fruitfulness in our Christian faith (Jn. 15:8) and it is no coincidence that Jesus sent his disciples out two by two (Lk. 10:1). Christianity was designed as a communal faith. There is no room for lone rangers in the kingdom of God.

ENCOURAGEMENT

"If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!" (v. 10) "We all stumble in many ways." (Ja. 3:2) What if there is no one close enough to know what has happened? What if there is no one that we trust enough to take their hand? The person alone may end up staying down for a long time. Whether we like to admit it or not, we need one another.



DEFENSE

"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves." (v. 12). "Resist the devil" (James 4:7) is a plural command. Living the Christian life alone is an invitation to be overpowered by the Enemy. We need someone in our lives to have our back. To watch out for us. To pray for us. To hold us accountable. To stand in the gap and to help us defend ourselves from the attacks of the evil one.

“The basic unit of Kingdom life is a follower of Christ in relationship with another follower of Christ. The micro-form of church life is a unit of two or three believers in relationship. This is where we must see multiplication begin to occur. Let’s face it: if we can’t multiply a group of two or three, then we should forget about multiplying a group of fifteen to twenty.”

- Neil Cole, *Organic Church*

Check out this OT passage:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

What successes have you had with someone that you could not have accomplished on your own?

Check out these NT passages:

Matthew 18:20

Mark 6:7

Why do you think Jesus used groups of 2 or 3?

Let’s start thinking forward...

Who could you eventually have a Bible study with?

- Commit to praying for them. Start today. Start right now.
- On Sunday, go pray for them with your shepherd.

Takeaway:

Do you desire to share your faith? Do you desire to reach those who do not yet know Jesus?

You cannot be a disciple alone. Disciples require relationships.

This Bible study is for you as well as your partner.