



A Word from the Librarian

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Go Team...Together Everyone Accomplishes More

The Lord does not intend for his people to work alone. In Luke 1:1, Luke tells us “After this the Lord Jesus chose 72 more men. Jesus sent the men out in groups of two. He sent them ahead of him into every town and place where he planned to go.” He did this because two are twice as effective as a single person in accomplishing the work of preparing people’s hearts for the kingdom of God and the good news of Jesus. Our library ministry is about preparing people’s hearts for salvation, discipleship or ministry. We all know that two or more people working together are better than one. If we have a TEAM of two or more when one person fails or gets discouraged, the other team members can help. We all know the scripture “a rope of three cords cannot be easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12. Several Jewish principles were behind these verses. First, legal testimony needed to be at the hands of two or three witnesses. Second, two are stronger and more effective than one. Then Jesus adds a third principal of his own: where two or three gather, He will be present also.

No matter how strong or determined we are, WE NEED HELP. Even the incredibly committed Apostle Paul needed co-workers and friends. We need a team of friends to do the work necessary for the library ministry and all the other ministries in the church to accomplish God’s mission. I know there will be times when others in Christ will let you down and you will want to try to do too much on your own. The reason I know is that it has happened to me. Remember that we are all “only” human. We will all fail and fall short of the glory of God. That is why Jesus had to die on a cross for our sins and was raised from the dead to live eternally. As Christians, we should always remember that our MISSION is to make HIM known.

There are many other benefits to a team working together. A team is a small number of people with complimentary skills and training who are committed to a common purpose. Your ministry TEAM should plan together to set goals and come up with new ideas and approaches to accomplish all that God has planned for your ministry. There will be different ideas, coordination, increased productivity, a division of work, and different leadership qualities in different individuals. Your ministry, whatever it may be, should grow and flourish when TEAM members find their “niche” in the ministry.

Our library TEAM is looking for a few new team members. This ministry is growing as are other ministries in the church. To continue to grow and serve you best, we will need some help. If you are looking for your “niche” please consider helping in the library. There is always something to be done in this ministry. With the Score with Books Reading Club starting on May 30 there will really be a lot to do during the Summer.

In Service to Christ,
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