

Mark 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

Analysis

He called twelve sent them two by two gave them power over unclean spirits. Jesus sends disciples on mission. Two by two partnership accountability mutual support. Gave power exousia delegated authority derived from Christ. Over unclean spirits spiritual warfare authority. Disciples share Christ mission ministry. Reformed theology affirms derivative authority believers minister in Christ name power not own. Every believer called share gospel make disciples.

Historical Context

Apostolic mission practice throughout Acts. Paul Barnabas Peter John others traveled in teams. Partnership prevents isolation pride provides accountability. Modern missions emphasizes team approach. Solo missionaries burn out lack accountability. Team ministry models biblical pattern. Power over demons demonstrates kingdom authority spiritual warfare component of ministry. Gospel proclamation confronts demonic strongholds requires divine power human wisdom eloquence insufficient.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why did Jesus send disciples two by two what does this teach about biblical pattern for ministry?
2. How does delegated authority over unclean spirits demonstrate that spiritual warfare requires divine power not human ability?

Interlinear Text

καὶ προσκαλεῖται τοὺς δώδεκα καὶ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς
And **he called** ^{G3588} **unto him the twelve** **And** **began** **them**
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ἀποστέλλειν δύο δύο καὶ ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν
forth **and two** **and two** **And** **gave** **them** **power over**
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τῶν πνευμάτων τῶν ἀκαθάρτων
^{G3588} **spirits** ^{G3588} **unclean**
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 11:3 (Parallel theme): And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Luke 10:1 (Parallel theme): After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Mark 16:17 (Parallel theme): And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;