

**TOGETHER: SERVING TOGETHER**

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**SCRIPTURE**

Philippians 2:2

**SERMON OUTLINE**

What does it take to work as a team?

1. **T**rust

"Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care." 1 Tim. 6:20 (NIV)

2. **E**mphatic

"Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic." 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

3. **A**ccommodating

"Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with." 2 Tim. 2:22b (Contemporary English Version.)

4. **M**ission

"...be of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." (New American Standard)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Think of some groups you've been part of in which there was conflict. What led to that conflict?
2. Describe one real-life example of trust. Why is it so important?
3. In terms of empathy, some might argue, "I'm just not a mercy person." Is empathy required of us all or just from those of us who might have that spiritual gift? Explain.
4. How did Jesus accommodate for those in his group (the disciples)? What lessons can we learn from Him?
5. Think of a group experience—church group or not—that succeeded. Did you have a common mission? Think of a group experience that did not. Did you have a common mission? How important was that common focus?

**NEXT STEPS**

- ☐ I will examine the way I operate in group settings and see if I might be off course in any of these four areas.
- ☐ I will go to a former teammate I might have wounded and ask for his or her forgiveness.