

WWW.BIBLECHARTS.GUIDE

Bible Doctrine Presented in Visual Format

HOW TO TURN THE GLOBAL MISSION FIELD UPSIDE DOWN

An unlimited number of copies in part or in whole may be made for free for use in any Bible-related project.

No changes allowed in the text. To insert in professional work, see website.

© WWW.BIBLECHARTS.GUIDE, ISAAC YODER, 2023.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Title and Table of Contents	1-2
Introduction to the Two by Two Model for Missions	3
What is it? What is it not?	4-5
Strengths & Challenges of the Two by Two Mission Model	6
On the "How to" & "Why" Regarding the Two by Two Mission Model	7
On Adding Prayer into the Equation	8
On Some Practical Matters	9
Questions.....	10

INTRODUCTION TO THE TWO BY TWO MODEL FOR MISSIONS

TOPIC	EXPLANATION	NOTES
On various models	Examples mission models include the classic missionary family, the multiple member mission team or the solo missionary. There's the tentmaker, a model where the missionary goes to a country as a professional, making his own money and another model first tackles social problems, after which the gospel is given.	The Mormons and JW's should be learning from us. Employing the two by two model is learning from Jesus; it's not learning from them.
On the one mission model approved of in the Bible	There is only one biblically, approved mission model, and that is the two by two system implemented by the Lord in the first century. Reasons could include encouraging one another, providing mutual counsel or mitigating danger in a crisis. ¹ In Acts, the disciples continued to implement this mission model.	Jonah going solo to Nineveh does not grant an exception to the rule. He was first a prophet, then a missionary.
How are we doing?	I don't know of anybody in Christendom that is teaching and executing the two by two mission model by principle. Hap-chance is not going to make this happen on a wide-scale level. The answer NOT to ONLY scout for top talent! We know Paul and Peter well, but God also calls Bartholomews and Lebbaeuses to the mission field.	It is common for a mission to go for years or even decades without lasting results. A man, gifted as a second man, by himself may be on the mission field for years without planting any churches. A good lead man with the right second man may plant 10-20 churches, rather than just 5-6 churches. It is God who calls the Pauls and Silases to the mission field. It's our responsibility to team them up.
Where could the mission world be in 100 years?	In the world of arithmetic, one plus one always equals two. Regarding the producing of results in the mission world, one plus one never equals two. It's more like three, four or ten. Being incredibly efficient and effective, this model needs to be implemented by both the parent and host countries all across the globe. After 100 years, the results can be tallied up to see that this is this mission model is hands down the most optimal, the absolute best, and the only viable mission model ever implemented.	

The two by two mission model implemented on a wide-scale level would turn the global mission world upside down!

¹ Esword (Version 7.5, 2021) Barnes, notes from Mark 6:7.

WHAT IS IT

TOPIC	EXPLANATION	NOTES
The two by two model defined clearly	Established in the first century by the Lord, the two by two mission model is comprised of two fully-supported men who are sent off together from the start to plant churches. As their ministry and experience progresses, the two men may split up and form another two by two team, but continue to the best of their ability to uphold the model that Jesus established nearly 2000 years ago.	Promoting the two by two system does not mean that modern missions is a waste. Things have been getting done. It's just that there is a better way with better results.
Examples of the two by two model	When the Holy Spirit called Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:2), their two names were mentioned in the same sentence. They were missionary partners until they split up.	The two by two model is hands down the most optimal model. If two men, who are incompatible, end up on the same team, they can be paired up with other missionary partners. Both men on the team will need full support.
	Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:36-40) were not arguing via social media, but there in the same vicinity because they were working together. After it became apparent that they could not get along any more, they split up. After they split up, they still went two by two, with Paul choosing Silas, and Barnabas choosing Mark.	
	Paul and Silas (Acts 16:19-25) got put into prison together because they were working together. The jailor knew nothing of the two by two system.	The two by two system is in the Bible, proving that this is the correct model. Since there is much wisdom in sending the men two by two ² , why is this model not being implemented?
	Jesus sent out the original twelve two by two (Mark 6:7), making six teams. Then, Jesus sent out the seventy two by two (Luke 10:1), making thirty-five teams.	
When is this model rendered ineffective?	The time comes when a team has to split up (Acts 17:14), even it is only for a season. Further, granted that a mission is successful, the church ministry would eventually get too big for only two men to handle. The school (seminary) would also eventually be too big for one foreigner to handle. The locals would eventually take over the mission, with the aim to also send out the local men in the host country two by two.	The mission board or governing agency can assist during the time when the effectiveness of the two by two model runs out.
The two by two mission model system is not dependent on top talent going to the mission field.		

² Esword (Version 7.5, 2021) Barnes, notes from Luke 10:1.

WHAT IT IS NOT

TOPIC	EXPLANATION	NOTES
What the two by two model is not ³	The two by two model is unrelated to being married. A man and wife are a couple first, a family if kids are involved, but not an example of the two by two mission model. The wife will be busy taking care of the kids and the house.	A missionary family is an example of a missionary going to the mission field solo.
	The two by two missions model is completely unrelated to the mission model employed by the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. Just because they use this model does not mean that this model is wrong and ineffective. Since it works for them, how do you think the two by two model would work when the message is approved by God?	
	Two missionaries taking turns leading the mission by taking turns going on furlough is not the two by two system. The two by two system does allow for smoother furloughs, but an end goal is for the missionaries to work together.	How often the missionaries go on furlough is up to them or the mission board.
	While having a mission board can greatly assist with important items like accountability, simply having a governing agency or mission board is unrelated to the two by two model.	
	Two missionaries from the same mission board working in the same province or even in the same city in two different missions (e.g. church plant) is unrelated to the two by two missions model.	If two men on the same team get experienced enough to split up, they should still get another partner.
	A veteran missionary training an apprentice is just that, training an apprentice. The apprentice would have to be part of the team and fulfill the role of a missions partner to be considered as an example of the two by two system.	
	While two friends, who cannot bear being apart, may serve together, thereby exemplifying this model, and technically speaking, they are two by two, but hap-chance is not what this system embodies.	Conferences and meeting up for coffee, have nothing to do with the two by two mission model.
	While one plays the role of pastor and the other one plays the role of assistant pastor, this wouldn't necessarily be the two by two system unless the two would first be mission team partners, and secondarily the aforementioned roles.	
	If you form, say, 10,000 teams of 2 by 2, you'll get bad eggs. Those bad eggs don't mean this model does not work.	

It is imperative that the two by two mission model gets taught as a principle.

³ Elijah and Elisha working together can serve as a reference regarding the two by two mission model.

STRENGTHS & CHALLENGES OF THE TWO BY TWO MISSION MODEL

TOPIC	EXPLANATION	NOTES
Strength #1: Accountability	A mission board would most certainly provide a strong factor of accountability. There will be limitations for the board to play the role of accountability partner. A wife will first play the role of a wife and mother. No other man could play the role of accountability partner as well as another missionary, preferably from the same parent country. Same mindset. Same values. Same vocation. The element of accountability would come naturally and automatically just by being present.	Check lists, apps, and the like just don't have the same punch as a live person on location at the same time. Paul and Silas came from the same culture.
Strength #2: Spiritual gifts work together	No man is suited for every role in the ministry, which is why the offices and spiritual gifts were designed to coordinate with one another. These spiritual gifts would be present in every church service, working together to insure the success of that church ministry. Coming from the same culture, it would have been easy for Paul and Silas to understand one another. The presence of another man from the same culture would be a source of encouragement and companionship.	In the early stages, the locals will not understand how the spiritual gifts work together. However, they will understand the desire that says, I want to go to church here.
Strength #3: Two by two is the optimal model	What about one by one, three by three or five by five? Managing a mission team is far more complicated than managing the afternoon work crew. When executing the two by two model, you can have both scheduled and impromptu ministry meetings. When the team gets too big, professional management will be required, which saps precious energy and ability just to keep the team together, rather than directing that energy towards managing the nationals.	Sending the men two by two would allow them to be company for each other in the midst of strangers and to be a help would something go awry. ⁴
Challenge #1	Getting along would most likely be the biggest challenge. It has been said that the number one reason missionaries leave the mission field early is due to not getting along with team members.	Further, it might be a temptation to take turns being the furlough pastor.
Challenge #2	Both men may do better as the number two man, or if both men are inclined to play the role of the lead man, the two by two mission model would have difficult obstacles. The way to solve this issue is by pairing men up appropriately. Their place in the ministry should be figured out before actually going to the mission field.	If both men have large families, this would prove to be quite complicated to execute. The financial cost would be high, but still very much worth it.

The nationals must also employ the two by two mission model.

⁴ Esword (Version 7.5, 2021) Matthew Henry, notes from Mark 6:7.

ON THE "HOW TO" & "WHY" OF THE TWO BY TWO MODEL

TOPIC	EXPLANATION	NOTES
On why biblical missions is not given to us in as in a manual	The Bible was not written in the format of a systematic theology book, a manual or some sort of reference book. Holy Writ was designed as a finely, woven tapestry, making us by definition seek God regarding the said content. There are plenty of examples of the two by two system, even though admittedly, there are no commandments for us to employ this methodology in the mission field.	Most of the ten commandments were written in the vernacular, but much of the Bible was written in such a manner as to cause us to continually seek God, even for an entire lifetime.
Where this system needs to be taught	This system needs to be taught ⁵ on a regular basis ⁶ in seminaries and churches everywhere. It won't get executed without it being taught regularly by principle.	Repetition is key.
How this model needs to be practiced by principle	Two missionaries with failing ministries and then deciding to come together as a result is not employing this methodology by principle. Applying this by principle means that when a missionary is in the process of getting trained and set up, that is the time when the two by two system begins.	In the process of working in the work force or serving in church, men should know where they fit in the two by two model.
Men in administration must move on this	In order to successfully execute the Lord's idea of a mission model, men in administration need to move on this. Lebbeaus, one of the original twelve, was not going to implement this mission model without direction from the Lord.	Mission board directors, seminary deans and presidents of schools need to hop on board with this.
Why employ this model?	The results will speak for themselves. When the spiritual gifts and offices work together as they were originally designed, spiritual fruit comes in so much quicker. Going from zero people in a church plant to one hundred is no small matter. There have been myriads of missions where a missionary never got the mission (or church plant) off the ground.	It is the model that Jesus introduced and utilized himself. By employing this methodology, which is obviously approved by God, the chances of seeing better results is very, very high.
What is the end goal?	The end goal is to see as many people come to Christ as possible.	Employing God's methodology greatly helps with bearing fruit that remains.
	An end goal would also be to employ the two by two model among the locals also.	

The only way for the two by two model to be executed on a wide-scale basis is for men in administration to move on this. Hop-chance will not get the job done.

⁵ (Deut 4:14).

⁶ (Mark 8:31).

ON EMPLOYING THE PRAYER MODEL IN ACTS SIX

TOPIC	EXPLANATION	NOTES
On the doctrine of prayer in Acts six	The doctrine of the two men praying together very clearly comes out of Acts 6. Verse 4 states clearly that these two full-time ministers need to put prayer and the ministry of the word up front, to the extent that the office of deacon, a ministry of serving, need to be established in a mature church.	There's no question that prayer is an important aspect in the ministry. Fifteen minutes a day is not good enough. If the apostles could not live without consistent, quality prayer meetings, ⁷ where does that put us?
	Jesus said where there are two or three gathered in his name, he would be there in their midst. The likelihood of getting your prayers answered also goes up by a large margin.	
	By having consistent prayer meetings is acknowledging to God that his grace is necessary.	
	Talk about coming up with the "how to," the "how to" is a question that is asked often for good reason. Engaging in long, quality prayer is a very big step in executing the "how to" in Christianity.	
On the practice of prayer in Acts six	With all the responsibilities in life, trying to implement a steady prayer meeting between the two men could prove to be very challenging. The prayer meetings simple need to be set as a priority. Priorities have a tendency to get done because they are priorities.	God blessing the early church would have, no doubt, reflected the amount of prayer the disciples invested in.
	Were the prayer meetings scheduled for early mornings, by mid-morning, the men could return to work on their other responsibilities. Acts 6:4 does not say how much time they spent in prayer on a daily basis, but it is highly unlikely that they met for only a few minutes each day. Simply going by the way the text reads, it would appear that the minimum amount of time that each man spent in prayer would have been hours. It would be a temptation to get together and chat the entire time.	It is obvious the bunch who prayed during Peter's imprisonment was acquainted with serious prayer meetings. Acts 6 did not mention the specifics of the prayer meetings, which reflects how the Bible is written. We have to figure it out.
	The disciples probably met every day. Of course, if time constraints really affect the amount of time spent in prayer, the men could start out with one meeting a week. Ideally, both men meet up daily and pray on bended knee for no less than two hours a day.	
Let the prayer meetings be a habitual practice rather than waiting for tragedy to strike and then pray.		

⁷ Esword (Version 7.5, 2021) Adam Clarke, notes from Acts 6:4.

ON SOME PRACTICAL MATTERS

TOPIC	EXPLANATION	NOTES
On when there is sin in the camp	Unconfessed sin in the camp can be a major bottleneck to the mission going somewhere. The smaller the team, the easier it would be to manage this aspect.	Having accountability partners with an accountability plan would help here.
On learning the language	Learning the language needs to be emphasized right from the get-go. There are a host of strategies you can employ to assist in the learning of the language, including talking with the locals, watching TV in the local language, listening to all sorts of audio, etc. The important factor is to put forth effort to learn the language.	Language and culture will never replace spiritual gifts, but that is not an excuse to let the language learning go to the way side.
On learning the culture	Hearing stories about adults taking on a new culture may sound interesting and funny, but in real life, it's none of the above. You have to train your brain to accept the local customs and practices. Starting to take on local customs can start small, but a necessary step, before taking it more serious.	The things that come natural won't take the place of those things that do not come so natural.
On your heart being there	Investing time and effort into your vocation (missionary) will assist in this regard.	
Here are a number of possible accountability questions to ask one another on a weekly basis or at least routinely	<p>The inspiration of some of these accountability questions⁸ came from the internet.</p> <p>Have you had your devotions (Bible and prayer) every day since we last met?</p> <p>Have you lost your temper since we last met?</p> <p>Have you viewed pornography since we last met?</p> <p>Have you maintained healthy eating habits and exercised since we last met?</p> <p>Have you invested time to learn the language and culture since we last met?</p> <p>How have you invested time and effort to advance our ministry since we last met?</p> <p>Have you misrepresented your answers?</p>	The men can be accountable to the men and the women can be accountable to the women.

WWW.BIBLECHARTS.GUIDE, 2023.

⁸ Jones, Brian; "Why Senior Pastors Have Affairs (And How To Prevent Them)" (n.d.) Accessed June 12, 2023, from <https://seniorpastorcentral.com/1568/why-senior-pastors-have-affairs-and-how-to-prevent-them/>

QUESTIONS ON THE TWO BY TWO MISSION MODEL

TEXTUAL BASED QUESTIONS	OTHER QUESTIONS
Does God's Word approve of the two by two mission model?	Are we commanded to execute this mission model?
Are there examples of the two by two mission model in the Bible?	How clear is this model presented in God's Word?
Would Jesus give two thumbs up to this mission system?	How was this mission model lost?
Are we commanded to employ the two by two mission model?	When was this mission model lost?
Is it strongly recommended to adopt the two by two system?	Do you know of anyone who is applying this mission model?
Is the two by two model one of many approved mission models?	Why do you think God allows for other mission models?
Is this model being implemented across Christendom?	Do you think God approves of today's mission models? How so? Why?
Who first implemented the two by two model?	What mission model are you inclined to execute?
Who paired up Paul and Barnabas?	What kind of prayer model should missionaries employ?
Regarding a ministry partner, what did Paul and Barnabas do after splitting up?	Would it be okay for a mission board to only approve of the two by two system?
What is the biggest challenge of the two by two system?	What is necessary to execute the two by two mission model?
Can you name two strengths of the two by two system?	Is Jonah going solo to Nineveh an excuse to go solo to the mission field?
Can you name two challenges of the two by two system?	How many times a week do you think the apostles met up for prayer?
When was the two by two mission model established?	How long do you think the prayers meetings in Acts six lasted?
Can you name two passages that promote the two by two model?	Do you know of any missionaries that are executing two by two mission model?
Are there any legitimate excuses to reject the two by two mission model?	