

Marks of an Effective Ministry

Mark 6:6-13

Context - After months of preaching the Kingdom and exercising His ministry, Jesus now sends out the 12 Disciples in His authority to preach the Gospel.

Main Idea - Jesus commissions all members of His church to go out in His authority to preach the Gospel to everyone.

For an effective ministry...

1. _____ up with other disciples (vs. 6-7a)

- A. Jesus sent them out in pairs, giving each of the disciples mutual encouragement and support.
- B. All disciples of Jesus today are in need of the same encouragement and support.

2. _____ in His authority (vs. 7b)

- A. While Luke's gospel uses the greek word "dunamis" (power) for Authority in his version of this story, Mark uses the greek word "exousia," which means influence that comes from another source.
- B. Ministering in the authority of Jesus is to operate under His power and influence.

3. _____ on his provisions (vs. 8-10)

- A. As they traveled, the disciples would have to rely fully on God to provide for their needs.
- B. As you seek first the Kingdom and his righteousness today, God promises to provide for your needs.

4. _____ among people in need (vs. 11-13)

- A. The disciples went out to preach the Gospel among the people who needed it.
- B. All of the disciples of Jesus today need to find ways to take the Gospel out to the people in need.