

FORMING A MISSIONARY TEAM: Some Assembly Required

10 Lessons from Paul's First and Second Missionary Journeys (and Thompsons 46 years)

- I. Teams are often for a _____, not a _____.
- II. In a team, there can often (surprisingly) be competing _____, but only ONE owns the primary _____. Protect it!
- III. Understand team complexity mathematics.
 - A. $1 \times 1 =$ $2 \times 2 =$ $4 \times 4 =$ $5 \times 5 =$ $6 \times 6 =$
- IV. Assembling a team: Factors to be considered
 - A. Ages & Stages- Married, single, married with kids, empty nest
 - B. Personality, temperament, leadership style
 - C. Clear expectations for leaders, positions, budgets, timing
- V. Vital Ingredients of Communication
 - A. With Team Members
 - B. With Mission Organization
 - C. With Sending Church
 - D. With Prayer Team and Donors
 - E. With God! Prayer (frequent and fervent) drives vital vision and service
- VI. Dealing with Frustrations
 - A. Personality conflicts (address soon, and with understanding)
 - B. Unexpected (blindsided) issues (appearance, hygiene, workaholics, habits)
 - C. The 'that drives me crazy' temptation
- VII. Dangers
 - A. Jealousy
 - B. Criticism
 - C. Role changes

- D. Drop outs**
- E. Discouragement, tiredness, health issues**
- F. Flatterers**
- G. Money (support) issues**

VIII. Planning Personal Time (You cannot always be together)

IX. Keeping your Marriage Strong in a Team Context

X. Asking the Tough Questions

- A. Do I (we) have the humility, flexibility, sensitivity, to work in a team?**
- B. Do I handle criticism well... give criticism well.... am I a critical person?**
- C. Do I manage expectations and failed expectations well?**
- D. Am I a people person or a project person?**
- E. Am I a driven church planter or a called church planter?**
- F. Do I listen well ?**