

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life - Pull In The Same Direction (A Lesson In Selflessness)

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- I) Team - "a number of persons acting together with a coordinated effort and collective efficiency.
- II) Coordinated - a working together, such as the members of the body working together, in union.
 - A) ***Eph 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.***
- III) Collective efficiency - the collective working properly together
 - A) How is this to be obtained?

B) How can individuals from various backgrounds come together and act as one unit?

1. Requires - common goals, common direction, common action
2. Not to be working against one another but with one another.

C) Together their achievements are greater than they would be separately. We speak of the total being greater than its parts. In the corporate world they call this synergy.

IV) How do we see synergy in our family, social groups, occupations, sports teams, and the church?

A) Helping one another, encouragement, strengthen, example, *Hebrews. 10.24-ff.*

B) How can we have strength in diversity?

1. Different talents allow us all to participate, what one member lacks another member can supply.

C) If the church could be compared to a sporting event, would it be an individual sport or a team sport?

D) How about both? Teams require individuals to work together.

E) What usually causes teams to start picking and fussing with one another? They are not doing what they are supposed to be doing, they start losing.

V) What problems can diversity cause in the body? Different

opinions, impugning motives, not addressing problems, etc.

A) ***Gal 5:15*** But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

B) **Is there a secret to living in peace and harmony with our brothers and sisters?**

1. Be at peace with your self
2. Follow Christ
3. Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, ***James 1.19***
4. Concentrate on the goal of pleasing God

VI) **How do dogs compare to humans?**

- A) **Possess different skills**
- B) **Different strengths**
- C) **Different personalities**

VII) **How do they stick together?**

A) **A gangline (harness) is a long rope that runs between each pair of dogs from the sled to the lead dog.**

VIII) ***Joshua 5.13-14; 6.1-5, 20***

IX) **Whose side are you on?**

A) **What is wrong with this question?**

1. We need to ask if we are on God's side.

2. At times people will explain their position by stating this is what brother so and so teaches. We need to explain what God teaches.
3. Find out what God says and then be on His side.

B) What is right with the question?

1. It realizes there are sides, in doing the will of God there is a right way and wrong way.

X) What is our spiritual gangline (harness)?

A) Obedience to God's will

B) Selflessness - to willingly give up our own selfish ideas to become obedient to God's word.

1. *Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*