



Sermon Notes: Gospel Partnerships

1. Types of partnerships.

- a. Missionary.
- b. Mentoring.
- c. Mutual.
- d. Marriage.

2. Basis of partnership.

- a. Shared faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.
- b. Shared participation in the Spirit.
- c. Shared reception of grace.

3. Advantages of partnership.

- a. It provides continuity of purpose across numerous personalities.
- b. It builds unity around what's most important.
- c. It allows us to capitalize on our strengths while mitigating our weaknesses.
- d. It increases our dependence upon God.

4. Enemies of partnership.

- a. Pride.
- b. Jealousy.



Application Questions: Gospel Partnerships

1. How did you allow yourself to be led and/or encouraged by the purposes, presence, promises, people, and providence of God this week?
2. What kinds of partnerships have you observed between Christians? Between local churches?
3. What were the “litmus tests” to be a part of these partnerships (or fellowships)? Do you think these are narrower than Scripture calls for, broader, or just about right? Why?
4. What were the responsibilities of these partnerships? What were the privileges?
5. What, in your estimation, were the weaknesses of these partnerships? What were the strengths?
6. What strengths do you think you bring into a partnership with other Christians? What weaknesses?
7. What strengths do you think our church brings into a partnership with other churches/groups? What weaknesses?
8. How have you seen pride or jealousy prevent partnerships from forming in the first place? How have you seen them destroy existing partnerships?
9. What is “a glory thief” and what does it have to do with why Christians and churches often avoid Gospel partnerships?
10. What are some partnerships you’d like to personally develop more? What are some partnerships you’d like to see the church develop?
11. What can you do to humbly and unselfishly foster a Gospel partnership this week?
12. What are some things Grace City could do to foster Gospel partnerships locally and around the world?