Title: We're All in This Together

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#### Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

## Mark 16:15-20

<sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup>"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>"they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. <sup>19</sup>So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

#### **Matthew 24:14**

<sup>14</sup>"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

## 1: Manpower

## Luke 10:1-2

<sup>1</sup>After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

#### Isaiah 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" <sup>4</sup>And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." <sup>8</sup>Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

## 2: Material resource

## Philippians 4:11-19

<sup>11</sup>Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup>I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. <sup>15</sup>Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no

church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. <sup>16</sup>For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. <sup>18</sup>Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

## 2 Corinthians 9:1-11(The Message)

<sup>2</sup>I know you're on board and ready to go. I've been bragging about you all through Macedonia province, telling them, "Achaia province has been ready to go on this since last year." Your enthusiasm by now has spread to most of them. <sup>3</sup>Now I'm sending the brothers to make sure you're ready, as I said you would be, so my bragging won't turn out to be just so much hot air. 4If some Macedonians and I happened to drop in on you and found you weren't prepared, we'd all be pretty red-faced—you and us—for acting so sure of ourselves. <sup>5</sup>So to make sure there will be no slipup, I've recruited these brothers as an advance team to get you and your promised offering all ready before I get there. I want you to have all the time you need to make this offering in your own way. I don't want anything forced or hurried at the last minute. <sup>6</sup>Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. <sup>7</sup>I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. <sup>8</sup>God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. <sup>9</sup>As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. <sup>10</sup>This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, 11 wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

## 3: Prayer

## 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.