

Whatever It Takes

Form A Posse (Week 2)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Together we can overtake what alone is impossible to overcome.

Key Scriptures

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. So many gathered that there was not room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:1-5

*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
Matthew 18:20*

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

When we bear one another's burdens, we are living out the fullness of the Gospel.

Burdens to bear:

1. Sign up for Welcome Team.

Email tiffany@harborchurch.life to join the team.

2. Bake cookies for first responders.

Bring 2 dozen cookies this Sunday for local police and firefighters.

3. Volunteer for the Harvest Festival.

Click this link to register:

<https://bit.ly/2kER9Z8>.

Start talking.

- What are situations people often try to tackle alone?
- Why do we seem to romanticize the "Lone Wolf"?

Start thinking.

- Read Mark 2:1-5. What were the obstacles/challenges that would have been impossible for one person to overcome?
- Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. Why do we need the help of others? How have you seen this principle lived out?
- Read Matthew 18:20. What are the implications of this verse?
- Read Galatians 6:2. How does bearing one another's burdens, "fulfill the law of Christ"?

Start sharing.

- What are "burdens" you've carried for others in the past?
- How have you felt tempted to "soldier on alone" through difficult times?
- What do you risk by allowing someone to bear your burden? What do you risk by carrying someone's burden?
- Where do wise boundaries come into play?
- The Mayor last week said that volunteers for the Fall Festival was a burden the city could not bear alone. How does volunteering that day demonstrate Christ?

Start doing.

- Choose one or more of the three burdens listed and own it.
- Ask God to give you the eyes to see the burdens of others and the opportunity to help.

Closing prayer.

Lord Jesus, give us the eyes to see the needs and burdens of the people and community around us. Then grant us the courage and conviction to enter into those circumstances and help carry the loads. Remind us that in so doing, we model your love and live out the fullness of your Gospel. Amen!