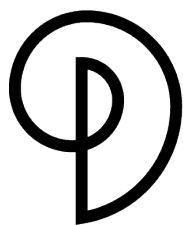
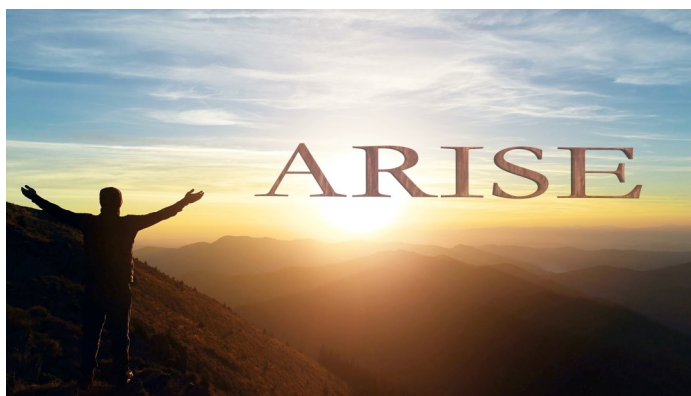


# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE  
OF PEACE**  
Called to Connect



## Arise: Partnership

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You've probably heard it or even seen it on a T-shirt: "There's no 'i' in 'Team!' 'Teamwork makes the dream work!'"

Jesus' message is that we're more together than we are alone. That's why partnership is so vital, and that's why you are invited into the partnership!

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: MATTHEW 28:16-20

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

Central to the mission of Jesus is his commitment to creating partnerships to reveal the kingdom of God. Jesus sends his disciples out in groups. Jesus himself even partnered with several very influential women in His ministry, including Susanna, Mary, called Magdalene, and Joanna. Later, the Apostle Paul partnered with Timothy, Titus, Barnabas, John Mark, and Silas to start churches in many places. Partnership is how the Kingdom enterprise got started. And partnership is how the kingdom enterprise continues. In Matthew 28:16-20, as the Christian church is birthed, Jesus gathers his disciples together for a bit of team building. Jesus commissions them, reminding them that they will never be alone.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share a story about a time you were stronger as part of a community than you would have been as an individual.
- Read Genesis 2:18, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Proverbs 27:17, and Acts 2:42-47. How do these verses enhance your understanding of the value God places on partnership?
- What are some other Bible stories/characters that come to mind when you think about partnership? What do you learn about partnership through these stories/characters?
- What excuse do you find yourself using for NOT embracing your role in the partnership to reveal the kingdom of God: Someone else will do it, I'm not equipped, I don't know where to begin, or something else?

**APPLICATION:** Think about how you came to know the Jesus story and how it's impacted your life. Share that story with a friend. Invite a friend to share their story with you. Invite someone to worship with you. Pray for a friend, and let them know that you're doing that. Help someone take the next step into partnership with Jesus. Seek out the next step that YOU can take into partnership with Jesus.