

CHOOSING MINISTRY PARTNERS

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Below are four practical advantages to pastoral partnerships.

1. Rapid Reproduction – Perhaps the most obvious advantage to planting with a pastoral partner is that you don't have to spend years preparing a member from your congregation to plant a new church.
2. Burden Sharing – Sharing the burden with someone else makes the load lighter. Pastoral partnership will help you bear the burdens of missionary work.
3. Work Volume – Church planters that work in teams have more staying power and their churches become stable and fruitful sooner.
4. Accountability – When working alone, it is much easier to compromise, cut corners and skip important steps. Having a pastoral partner helps you stay on track.

EXERCISE

Choosing a Ministry Partner

As you prayerfully consider adding a ministry partner, answer these questions:

1. Which of the four practical advantages of pastoral partnerships is most important to you?
2. What are your greatest leadership strengths?
3. What are your biggest leadership challenges?
4. Understanding your strengths and challenges, what type of leader do you think would best complement your role on the team?
5. Build out a profile of the pastoral partner type you want on your team.

Email these questions and your answers to a coach or mentor and ask for feedback on your responses.