

Revolution Of Ordinaries

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The Person of Peace

“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.” – Luke 10:5-7

When Jesus sent out the 72, he gave his disciples very specific instructions. He told them to look for a particular kind of person. A person of peace. The person of peace is critical to the success of your mission to make inroads into a community or neighborhood.

Who is a person of peace?

Jesus defined this person – someone you greet with peace (shalom) and who returns peace back to you. They are comfortable with you. They are hospitable to you. This is a person who will be open to you and your message. That is about all we know from the passage itself.

How do you find a person of peace?

You go out looking for them. Whether it is through a [prayer walk](#) or through a conversation with a stranger, it is important to know the characteristics of a person of peace so you can spot them when they show up.

The only way you will go out looking for them is if you believe they exist. Do you believe that God has prepared people ahead of you, for you to encounter, who can accelerate the success of the mission, purpose and vision God has given you? If you don't then I just ask you pray about that...maybe even go looking for them and see if they don't show up. Sometimes the best evidence for something is the person or thing you don't believe in showing up right in front of you!

Pray daily that God will help you find them. It isn't just one person. This will be multiple people, across your mission and across your lifetime.

What happens when you find a person of peace?

There is no set answer to this biblically but from experience we see that people of peace may be some of your first converts. Not only that but they can get you into their networks of relationships and add credibility to your message. They can multiply the effectiveness of your ministry in terms of scale and they can expedite your message, helping get it in front of more people more quickly and with built in trust.

People of peace in the Bible

Lydia and the Philippian jailer in Acts 16 both serve as people of peace. They were open to the message. They got other people into the conversation that accelerated the success of the mission. Imagine how much more slowly the mission in Philippi would have gone had God not led Paul and Silas to these two people? People of peace are critical to the success of your mission. Some ministries will not move forward in a neighborhood or community until they have prayed for and located a person of peace.

Zacchaeus in Luke 19 brings Jesus into a meal with his friends.

Samaritan woman of John 4 – she has an encounter with Jesus and then brings the whole town to meet him.

God has prepared people in advance of your arrival. Pray for them for God to send them and pray for God to open your eyes to recognize them.

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