

The Person of Peace

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Do you want to make a difference in people's lives, but don't know where to start? Do you want to share your faith but don't want to have a bunch of weird and awkward conversations? Here is how Jesus instructed His followers to make an impact in other's lives.

In Luke 10:1-9, Jesus sends out seventy-two of His followers to show and tell that Jesus is King. Jesus tells them to find a "person of peace." According to Jesus, a person of peace is someone who:

1. **Listens to you.** People of peace are open to you and curious about what you have to say, especially about Jesus. They have spiritual questions and simply enjoy being with you.
2. **Serves you.** People of peace want to serve you. Just because they don't know Jesus, doesn't mean they don't have anything to offer.
3. **Connects more people to Jesus.** Many times people of peace take what they have learned about Jesus through you and share it with their own network of family and friends. This way even more people get to experience practical faith.

How do we put Jesus' "Person of Peace" instructions into practice?

1. **Find a Person of Peace.** Simply watch who God brings into your life at work, in your neighborhood, and in other areas of your life. Keep your spiritual antenna up to see who is open to you and who wants to serve you.
2. **Invest in them.** Spend time together and build a friendship.
3. **Let them serve you.** Accept their help and gifts gratefully.
4. **Show and tell them about Jesus.** Be ready to tell your stories of God's work in your life. Be ready to tell God's story of good news for the world.
5. **Invite them to take next steps.** Invite them to worship with you, to your small group, or to a serving opportunity. Invite them to do a reading plan with you on the Bible App.

Sharing your practical faith doesn't need to be weird and awkward. It simply needs to be intentional. We seek to find a person of peace and take next steps with him/her. And most importantly, pray. It is God who changes hearts and lives, not us.

Who is a "person of peace" in your life? What is your next step with them?

If you don't have a "person of peace," where could you find one?

For more examples of the "person of peace" strategy in Scripture see Acts 16:13-15, 25-34.