

Persons of Peace

As we live our lives, be alert to discover “Persons of Peace.”

Missionaries and church planters talk about finding “persons of peace” in a neighborhood, city, or marketplace. Often the person of peace will have friends and relatives who are open to gospel witness and are welcoming to followers of Jesus. Finding them is but one “tool of the trade” that assists us in locating those in whom God may be at work in a community. Often, these people or “households of peace” are like a gateway relationship into a family, neighborhood, or community. Consider prayerfully seeking them out as you go about living more intentionally.

While we’re not required by Scripture to use this approach, we can see this pattern or principle in the New Testament:

- Luke 7:1–10 (The Centurion)
- John 4:1–30 (The Samaritan Woman)
- Acts 8:26–40 (The Ethiopian Eunuch)
- Acts 10:9–11:1 (Cornelius)
- Acts 16:13–15 (Lydia)
- Acts 16:22–38 (The Philippian Jailer)

We can often recognize the person of peace because they will:

- welcome you
- receive you
- be open to you and your friendship
- be open to what you have to say about Jesus
- be interested in and open to the life you live as a follower of Jesus
- assist or serve you in some ways

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Who are your persons of peace? List them here and begin to pray for them. Tell your group so that they can encourage and support you in this process of reaching out. Depending on who is on your list or who is on their list, maybe you come alongside each other in loving and serving those you are seeking to reach with the Good News of Jesus.

- Person of Peace 1:
- Person of Peace 2:
- Person of Peace 3:

Our Group's People of Peace:

Make a commitment as a group to be praying for each other's people of peace. Consider how you might love and serve these people together in order to share the Good News of Jesus with them.

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