

WE HAVEN'T MET BEFORE BUT...

OBJECTIVE

1. To get an overview of Person/People of peace as mentioned in Luke 10.
2. To understand the remaining principles.
3. To understand how we respond differently in different relationships.

PODCAST OVERVIEW

Bullet points from Bob Hopkins material.

1. Presence and Proclamation.
2. Preparation and Power.

5. Proclamation, the words we share and (6.) Presence, who and how we are to be with.

Appropriate and direct Words

- Our own story/Elements of the gospel/Reference to the bible/Written or spoken.
- Need to be sensitive (see trust bridge), discerning and appropriate (especially in a Permanent relationship).
- Romans 10 v 14 Be confident.
- Presence (lifestyle) Values and choices we make that lead to dialogue in the context of questions. Much of the gospel accounts are built around questions people had for or by Jesus.

Loving service. Recognise and respond to needs. *'Beyond the good samaritan' book (Ann Morisy)* <http://amzn.eu/d/cpnaBxu>

- In today's culture where people can be resistant to our sharing absolute truth, they might be open to our story/truth ministered through our experience. People of peace may be open to some Kingdom activity, for example, meeting local need or social transformation. They might be as concerned about needs as you are. God may have put in them Kingdom instincts. Respond to need WITH them rather than for them.
- Many people in society respond to deep inner need by accumulating more or spending more in order to meet need. Consume something to meet a need, this can numb awareness to the spiritual needs that are present.
- To take people out of comfort zone may leave them open to new ways to see things or respond to their own need differently especially as they get time to be around or alongside Christians to watch, to hear, to observe spiritual life and activity.
- John 13 v 35 Its by Love they know a Christian. That loving service is powerful.

Involving them in our lives. Be willing to ask for help. *Matthew 10 and Luke 10*

- Allowing others to give to us/meet our need.
- Giving and receiving creates openness.

- Two way relationship.
- The life we live and not just the words we share.

In permanent relationship. 'Salting principle'

- A small amount of salt makes them thirsty. A lot of salt makes them sick. Listen to the Holy Spirit.
- Sensitive to where they are and being appropriate.

7. Power and (8.) Preparation

Preparation is our work. Power is God's work.

- Prayer is the foundation to all of this and unlocks God's power.
- If we are working with people of peace... and asking discernment questions (where are they on their journey) then prayer will be the power that deals with this.
- Prayer is God's 'zip factor' (when his power can break in through us) might be a crisis, a change of job, the birth of a child. Various things can be doorways to the power of God.
- Prayer is our persistence and commitment.
- It might be a dream in the person of peace or you have a prophetic word for them. God might give you a word for either a passing person or a permanent relationship.
- Another example might be healing that opens the door to a spiritual conversation. We want to see God release his power and most especially when people have become stuck, (example of rich young ruler). Prayer for person of peace.
- Praying releases God's power, ask God to intervene, to release his power.

ENVOY AFTERTHOUGHT

Now it's time to digest with pen and paper. Use the afterthought guide to help you process what God may be saying for you through the teaching. Distill your processing and refine what you'll bring to the group for your meet up.

[Envoy Afterthought Guide.](#)

[Envoy Afterthought Guide - how to use](#)

ENVOY GATHERED

The space that Envoy creates needs to be;

1. **Welcome.** A sense that you and the others belong.
2. **Safe.** Otherwise who'd ever take a risk. Practice confidentiality.
3. **Significant.** God's call on you and on the others is significant. Your time and presence is valuable so speak and do the things that come from or arrive into that which is significant. Treat everyone as present even if they can't be with you.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU/YOUR GROUP

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to affirm in you which area you are stronger in - proclamation or presence? Do you feel more natural communicating the gospel with words or in actions and what would you need?
2. Ask your xplore group for tips on how to improve in the area which doesn't come as naturally to you. Pray for each other!
3. What do you think of the salt principle?
4. Who/what is God asking you to pray for with regards to your people of peace? Pray!

EXTRA TO THE PODCAST

1. Do you understand? If not ask, either in your group or get in contact with Neville.
2. As time goes by on Envoy you will be reaching moments where you know what you next need to do in mission and evangelism. Self commitment is tough and often withers from pressure or distraction so who in your Envoy community can you ask to check in with you? It won't always be the same person, it's the one who resonates with your 'action plan'. They don't hold you accountable, you hold yourself accountable. They are there to challenge you when you don't bother with your commitment, to call you on when it feels too hard. To laugh with you when it goes wrong. To pray for you throughout. Time bound it so it isn't a for life thing!
3. If committing to an action what are your 4 or 5 next steps. The best way to write these and share them is to think what will it look like so I know it is happening?
4. Paul in Acts 15 describes a decision as seeming good to them and to the Holy Spirit. Keep checking in, teasing things out with your Envoy community and with God.