

HOME FROM HOME

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. Person of Peace and the role of loving discernment (Perception).
2. Passing and/or Permanent relationships.

1. Person of Peace (see previous material)

Building on the welcome received from the person of peace.

2. Perception (Loving discernment)

I have found a welcome. But is it a two way relationship?

- Serving is two way, Jesus describes it as a two way relationship in Luke 10.
- Loving interaction.

Mark 12v34 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God' Jesus in process of loving discernment.

- Where is this person in their journey, far away or close?
- Are they moving or stuck?
- Have they a hungry heart? Ask the spirit to show you where the person is at on their journey.

1 Peter 3v15 'Always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is within you'. The second part is the HOW we do this... with gentleness and respect.

- Respect the person as an individual and respect how God is dealing with them so you respond in an appropriate way that is helpful to them in their journey.
- Patience is key to gentleness and respect. To go at their speed and their agenda rather than our own agenda.

The parable of the sower. As well as explaining the bad soil. Jesus says what makes good soil good. Good soil outcomes.

Matthew 13v23 A full understanding.

- Does this person have a full understanding of the gospel and how it affects their life?
- Do they know its benefits and challenges and costs?

Luke 8v15 An honest and good heart.

- How is God preparing their heart?

- Have they experienced the goodness of God to help them understand? Head and Heart.
- To have opportunity for God to work.

3. Passing or (4.) Permanent relationships.

We have built relationships but not all relationships are the same. Relationships are on a spectrum. At one end **passing relationships** and at the other **permanent relationships**. Passing relationships are defined by frequency, length of contact and depth. Permanent relationships has the addition that they are also defined by trust.

Can I think of places and people who are passing/permanent relationships and people of peace?

How we respond to a passing person will be different to how we respond to a permanent relationship, both will be with gentleness and respect.

Reasons.

- In a passing relationship we can be more direct.
- It might be the only opportunity we get.
- Our words are the seeds we sow. Being bold is appropriate and is not a threat.
- They can take it or leave it.
- It doesn't effect the trust aspect.
- in a permanent relationship our lifestyle and values may speak louder than words.
- Not to contradict testimony.
- In a permanent relationship (Trust bridge), **they** set the pace, progress, invitation, permission.
- It doesn't mean we cannot share but if we give it all in one go it might be too much.
- A bridge has a breaking strain. Am I being appropriate to the trust available?

ENVOY AFTERTHOUGHT

Now it's time to digest with pen and paper. Use the Envoy 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. Think of some examples where you've seen good soil in the form of spiritual openness or understanding of the gospel in your evangelistic encounters recently.
2. Draw a grid and write the names of the people your group is praying for in the relevant sections depending on their spiritual openness/understanding of the gospel. This will give you an idea of what to pray for them. Now PRAY!
3. Can you identify passing/permanent people you're reaching with the gospel? Do you find this a helpful distinction in terms of how you approach conversations with them?

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.