

Simply Sent Series  
Week 2 outline  
Luke 10:5-7  
5.9.19

## SENT to STAY

Walking Slower with Christ

**5** "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' **6** If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. **7** Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

### **I. A Messenger of Peace** ("first say, 'Peace to this house'")

#### **A. The Peace We Carry With Us** (Jn 14:25-27)

**25** "All this I have spoken while still with you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

#### **HOLY SPIRIT PEACE...**

1. Is sent by the Father
2. Advocates on our behalf
3. Is sent in the name of Jesus
4. Teaches and equips us for what's ahead
5. Reminds us of Jesus' word of truth
6. Isn't given like the world gives, but can be trusted

### **B. Looking for a "Person of Peace"**

#### **1. Who It Necessarily Isn't...**

- a. The most religious in town
- b. The most powerful in town
- c. The most popular in town
- d. The most eager in town

#### **2. Who It Often Is...**

- a. A Gracious Character
  - One who is ready to give and willing to serve
- b. A Receptive Spirit
  - One who's heart has been prepared in advance by God to receive the Gospel
  - One who is coachable, ready to receive instruction and apply it to life
- c. A Credible Witness
  - One who is invested in the lives of those around them
  - One who is trusted by the community in which they live

PERSONS OF PEACE ARE THOSE WHO ARE GRACIOUS TO YOU, RECEPTIVE TO GOD,  
AND CREDIBLE TO THOSE TO WHOM GOD HAS CALLED US TO REACH.

(these "person's of peace" are very often the harvesters we've been praying for God to send)

## **II. A Posture of Humility** (*"whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages"*)

**3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. -**Phil 2:3-4**

### **A. False Humility**

- puts unnecessary burdens and barriers on your life and others
- refuses to engage out of a sense of self-worthlessness
- creates an unwillingness to receive a complement, a thanks, a helping hand, or an earned wage

-False humility (just like pride) is still, in the end, rooted in a self-focused ambition and vanity

### **B. True Humility**

- is self-forgetful
- values authenticity
- actively esteems others

"HUMILITY ISN'T THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF;  
IT'S THINKING OF YOURSELF LESS" -C.S. Lewis

## **III. A Ministry of Presence** (*"Do not move around from house to house"*)

**6** We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. **7** Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, **8** so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. -**1 Thes 2:6-8**

### **A. Interruptible**

1. Build-in Margin
  - Margin creates space for ministry to grow and miracles to be noticed.
2. Position your Heart
  - Daily ask the Lord to help be alert to the people you're encountering.
3. Embrace Change
  - People are more important than plans, so be willing to make a plan and allow God to change it.

## **B. Intentional**

1. Keep it Simple
  - Don't make it weird, overcomplicate the process, or try to do God's job.
2. Get Curious
  - Allow yourself to notice things you haven't before and learn things you don't already know.
3. Linger Longer
  - Slow down when you find yourself in a hurry, and stay put when God presents an opportunity to have a deeper conversation with someone.

## **C. Investable**

1. Do the Uncomfortable
  - Be willing to wade into uncomfortable places, share your story, and receive help from others.
2. Talk Less
  - Do most your conversations tend to revolve around you? If so, change it.
2. Listen more
  - Ask to hear peoples story and then *REALLY* listen.

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YOU'VE BEEN SIMPLY SENT,  
AS A MESSENGER OF PEACE,  
IN A POSTURE OF HUMILITY,  
WITH A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE.