



When Jesus sent the first disciples ahead of him, he told them to look for men of peace (Luke 10:6). These are people who are open to you and the message of the Gospel. There is something of the peace of God about them – your peace has rested on them.

I love how US pastor Naeem Fazal puts it:

"Evangelism is joining the conversation God is already having with a person. You don't meet someone to talk to by accident. God is committed to them already."

I love that quote, it's so helpful and it takes the pressure off!

Take A Step

In this step, we are going to make a people map. Have a think and pray about five people you interact with on a weekly basis who don't yet know Jesus. They could be from one of these categories:

Strategic consumerism Go to the same papershop, café, garage at the same time of day and actively get to know the staff. I got to share the gospel and pray for our friends Mem and Tsetsi, who own our favourite café.

Neighbours My plasterer shared his testimony with my neighbour during our kitchen makeover. He was bolder than me!

Workplace Who do you chat to at lunchtime?

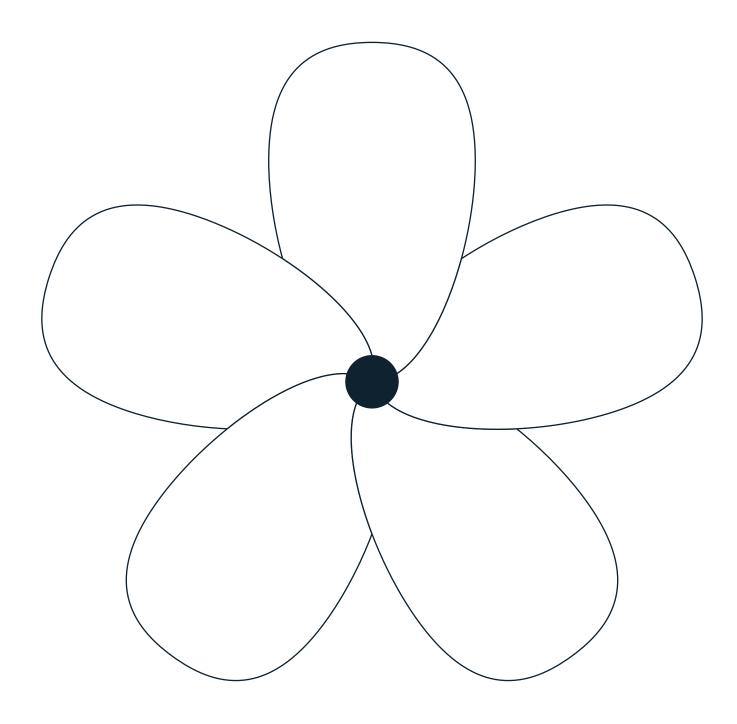
Hobbies If you do a hobby, join with other like-minded hobbyists to have fun and make connections.

Sports If you do a sport, join a club or do it with the same people, e.g. a running club, parkrun, or badminton club. *Matt from our running group got baptised last year!*

On the next page, add them to the **people map** and pray for them every day:

- For an open heaven over their lives.
- For God to open their hearts.
- For an open mouth to share with them!

People Map



Write the name of one person in each segment.

Pray every day

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Discussion guide

Use this section as a supplement or as an alternative to the People Map activity.

Read Luke 10:1-12

When Jesus sent out the disciples in this passage He told them to look for 'people of peace', these are people who are open to you and the message of the Gospel. He doesn't call us to badger those who aren't interested, or argue endlessly with those who are totally opposed to the Gospel, but to identify people of peace that He's drawing near to.

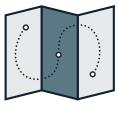
- 1. What areas of your life are you likely to encounter people of peace?
- 2. How might you identify the people of peace in your life?
- 3. The passage tells us that when we find people of peace it means 'the Kingdom of God has come near to' them, what encouragement can we take from this truth?

Take a Step

The step we're taking this week is simply committing to take some time to try and identify some people of peace God's placed in our lives, and to spend time every day praying for them. Pray for:

- The Holy Spirit to highlight the people of peace in your life, or guide you to those He's calling you to
- · God to continue giving them His peace and calling them to himself
- God to give you the opportunities, the obedience and the boldness to share the Gospel with them in His timing

It's important to note that although the intention is to pray for them every day, just like the couch to 5k plan that inspired Take a Step, a little is better than none so if you don't manage every day, even if you only pray for them once this week, that's still 100% more times than if you didn't pray at all, and God still hears that one prayer so don't be discouraged.



Take A Step

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