

The Person of Peace is someone God has prepared for that specific time. It is no good trying to force open doors that God has not opened, and we must not be distracted so that we miss the doors he has opened. This really is exciting news. Even in the most important task we have been given, the assignment to go and make disciples, God does most of the work. Our main job is to walk through life with our eyes open and our ears listening to the Spirit as he reveals to us the Person of Peace he has prepared.

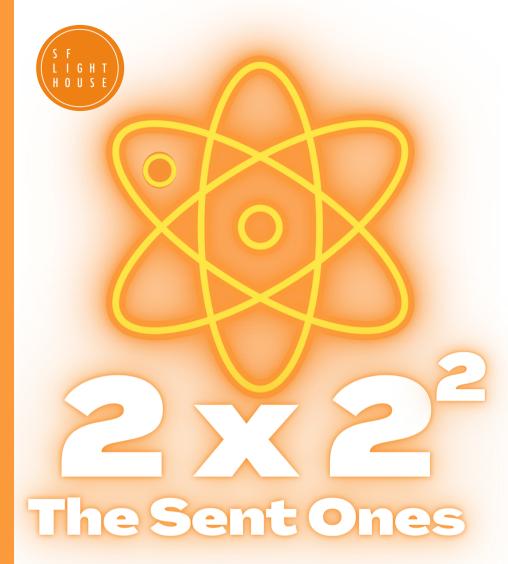
Breen, Mike. Building a Discipling Culture: Third Edition (p. 110).

Presence: If Christ is in you, which he is, then your very presence carries the Presence. This alone shifts the world. Just showing up, living the Christ life, without preaching or power-displaying can be enough.

Power: Praying for needs, sickness, hurts and wounds, unforgiveness and woundedness and seeing God do miracles.

Preach: This is simply using your story and testimony to share Good News and how heaven is now working in your life.





3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs surrounded by wolves. 4 Do not carry a money bag, a traveler's bag,or sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house!' 6 And if a peace-loving person is there, your peace will remain on him, but if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay in that same house, eating and drinking what they give you, for the worker deserves his pay. Do not move around from house to house. --Luke 10 (NET)



Monday

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Acts 8:14-17

Lectio Divina. Today we read a Scripture that uses, for the first time, "the name of the Lord" as the object of worship. Its a short portion of Scripture but well worth sitting with.

Lectio (Imagine): Read the Scripture (3x's). On the third reading highlight the word or phrase that sticks out to you.

Oratio (Feel): After your reading session, pray and express your feelings to God about the word or phrase that stuck out to you. This could include your desires, confessions, questions, gratitudes, or resistance.

Meditatio (Think): Do you have any questions for God? What questions do you have of yourself? I intentionally ask myself tough questions from what I read in order to uncover the truth of my heart. Did you experience any insight, knowledge, wisdom, vision, or sense of action to take? Write all of this down

Contemplatio (Be Still): Sit quietly for 5 minutes. Just being in God's presence. Don't try to think, feel, or will anything simply let yourself be in God's Presence. These words have brought you into the very presence of God.

Notice the *modus operandi* of the disciples, even after Jesus is gone they still "send out" Peter and John 2X2. Throughout Acts this is the model: Paul and Barnabas, Paul and Silas, Peter and Simon, etc.

Who is your partner in mission?

What is the Spirit calling you to this week? Who can you be present with, preach (proclaim goodness and share testimony with), and pray for a demonstration of God's power?

Do Updated 15 Easy Minutes Mission-izing Your Day (see the last page)

Make a List of your weekly cares and anxieties.

Make a List of your weekly gratitudes amd affirmations.

Missionize You Day with the 15 Easy Minutes Exercise described in the back of this week's guide.

- 1. **Breathe**. Begin in *5-minutes* each morning of silent reflection on your breath as the breath of Christ.
- Listen. For the next 5-minutes have a pen and paper ready.
 Write out the mission that this breathing exercise formed in your heart.
- 3. Write. Write that down in your calendar, todo lists, etc.
- 4. **Do**. Go about your day, joyfully obeying, knowing that it is Christ in you doing the work.
- 5. **Reflect**. In the evening reflect for *5-minutes* on the activity of the Holy Spirit in your day. Text with your 'two-by-two' partner or a friend or spiritual director or mentor.





Acts 15:30-35

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The Lord's Prayer



Our Father in heaven hallowed be thy name

sit silently in reverence for the name of God.



Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Do 15 Easy Minutes Mission-izing Your Day (see last page)



Give us this day our daily bread.

Say, "God I trust you will meet my need as I seek first your kingdom today. You said seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you."



Forgive us trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.

Say, "As I lead others into forgiveness I trust you are also forgiving me."



Lead us not into temptation

Say,"Let me not be tempted by distractions, pettiness, fear, boredom, or my ego."



Deliver us from evil.

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Say, "Use me to be about your deliverance in the systemic evils of our world, the evil of hate, deception, and greed."



Acts 13:1-3

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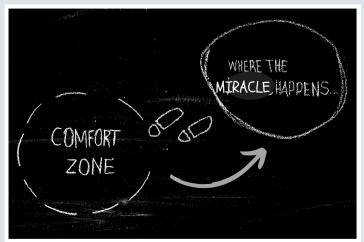
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15 Easy Minutes Mission-izing your Day

- 1. Breathe. Begin each morning (really important you do this first) 5-minutes in silent reflection, as you breath reflect on Christ being in the particles and presence of your breath. (This is not to be confused with him being your breath, but rather in it). This can be done simply by breathing in and out the name of Jesus, using the first syllable of 'Je' with the inhale and the second syllable 'sus' with the exhale. As you do this reflect on Jesus breathing over the disciples (John 20:19-23). Reflect on your authority to forgive, to be sent, to love. When your mind is distracted simply return with the name of Jesus staying present with Christ. who is in you.
- 2. Listen. For the next 5-minutes have a pen and paper ready. Write out the mission that this breathing exercise formed in your heart. Who to love? How to love? What to do that would promote forgiveness? What one task, in the Spirit of loving God and loving neighbors is coming to mind? Write it down. Be open to the love and life of Jesus inside of your life. God wants to incarnate the life of Jesus through you.
- 3. Write. Calendar it. Put it in your schedule.
- 4. **Do**. Go about your day, joyfully obey, knowing that it is Christ in you doing the work.
- 5. Reflect. In the evening reflect for 5-minutes on the activity of the Holy Spirit in your day. What happened? Where was God in your day? Where did you miss God or meet God? Text with your '2X2' partner or a friend or spiritual director or mentor adn compare notes.



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