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TITLE: **Not Every Christian Is a Person of Peace**

If you've tried making disciples in community with other Christians from your church and failed, you probably labored under the false assumption those fellow church-goers were People of Peace in your life. And that has HUGE implications for discipleship and living as a family together on mission.

Here are 3 things to believe and consider about who is and who is *not* a Person of Peace...

- 1. God has absolutely placed People of Peace in your life for you to disciple.** Look for people who are "leaning into" relationship with you. They want to hang out and do more and more of life together. Look for people that you have a natural chemistry with. People of Peace often seek to serve you and reach out to be with you. And they are interested in your faith and lifestyle.
- 2. Not everyone who claims to be a Christian is a Person of Peace.** Remember Matthew 7: 21-23 "*Lord, Lord...we did all of this church stuff and ministry activity in your name...*" and Jesus tells them, "*Yeah, but I never knew YOU. That busyness was all about you doing things to look good to other Christians or feel like you earned my love and favor.*" Making disciples of Jesus is the only mission of the Church. Christians who are not leaning into discipleship as a lifestyle and primary focus of their lives and churches are missing their calling and are not living as People of Peace.
- 3. You can only disciple people who ultimately want to be disciplined and in turn, help disciple others.** You can only truly disciple People that trust you and want to be in your life. It is imperative, if you're serious about making disciples, that you focus your best effort and time being with your People of Peace. If you try and make everyone happy and move at the pace of those that don't truly want to live Jesus' life today, you'll find yourself frustrated with your progress and frustrated with people. Small is big, slow is fast and multiplication always wins!

Also: If you'd like help in establishing natural discipleship rhythms in your life with family and friends, let's hop on a Discovery Call to get to know each other a bit better, and I can tell you about our Everyday Disciple Makers coaching experience and see if it's a good fit for you. Just go to everydaydisciple.com/discovery to set up a convenient time... no obligation, I'd love to meet you and hear your story!

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

~Caesar