

# HOW TO REALLY GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

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*3 “Go! I am sending you out. . . 4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. 5 When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ 6 If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you,. . . Do not move around from house to house. 8 When you enter a town and are welcomed,. . . 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’” (Luke 10:3–9, NIV84)*

## What’s up with verse 4?

1. Not about HANDOUTS
2. Not about what I CAN GET
3. Not about SELF-RELIANCE (Luke 22:35)
4. Do not get DISTRACTED

## What to do. . .

- PARTNER with a Person of Peace. (vs. 6)
- INVEST in ongoing RELATIONSHIPS
- STAY FOCUSED on the mission

## What was Jesus’ purpose?

*“Heal the sick who are there. . .” (vs. 9a) HEALING*

*“tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’” (vs. 9b) HOPE*

## Bring Hope & Healing Hearts & Homes

## Who did Jesus give this purpose to?

The CHURCH

*22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ. . .for the benefit of the church. 23 And the church is his body; (Eph. 1:22-23 NLT)*

*I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. (Mat. 16:18b NLT)*

*10 God’s purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety. . . (Eph. 3:10a NLT)*

## Who is the Church?

### ORDINARY People

*Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-12 NLT)*

### EMPOWERED by God

*6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. (Rom 12:6a NLT)*

*10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Eph 2:10 NLT)*

### Doing what JESUS DID

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18–19, NIV)*

### WHEREVER they are

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18–20, NIV84)*

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NIV84)*

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### **ACTION STEP:**

**Serve at Santa's Wonderland and take other PEACE Opportunities!**