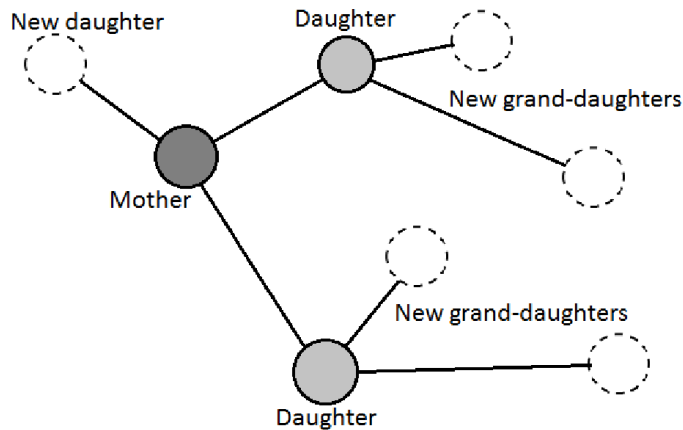


2. Draw on that map towns, neighbourhoods and even house of peace in which to start new churches.
3. Intercede for those places, asking the Lord to raise up persons of peace.
4. Complete the Test on the next page.



Test. Tick the best answer to each query.

A. What is a 'person of peace'?

- ☐ One who leads a tranquil life and gets on well with others.
- ☐ One who has many friends whom he invites to hear the Good News.
- ☐ One who goes about resolving conflicts between others.

B. Who prepares a person of peace to hear the Good News?

- ☐ He prepares himself through self-discipline.
- ☐ Evangelists spend months of time to build friendship with him.
- ☐ God himself draws the person, so that he is glad to hear the Good News.

C. The best way to get persons of peace in a church is:

- ☐ Invite him to attend your church or a bible study with strangers.
- ☐ Help him start a new church in his own home with friends and family.
- ☐ Send him to a church that respects his language and culture.

D. What is the most important thing to do in an unreached community?

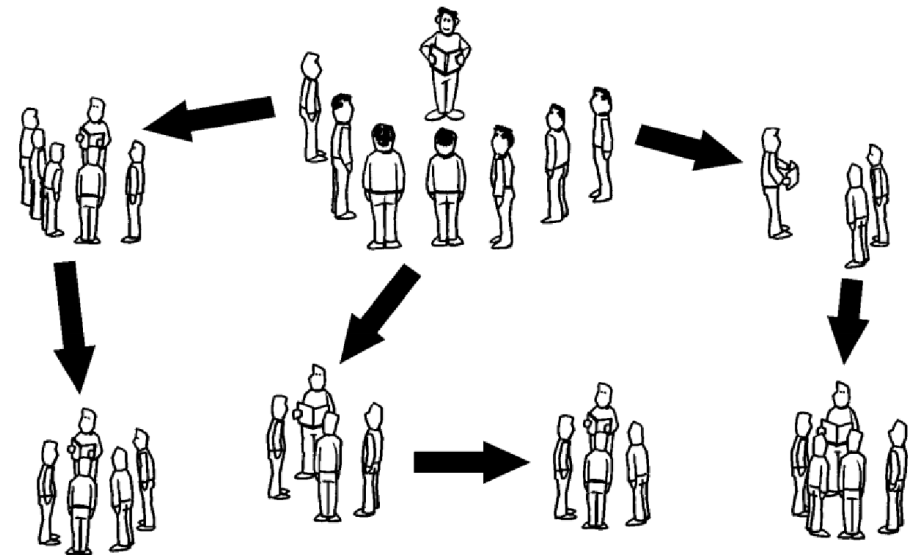
- ☐ Plant one new church with a person of peace.
- ☐ Evangelise as many households as possible.
- ☐ Start a development project that will change local folk's attitude.

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Module objective: Discover how the apostles started churches in homes.

Learning objective: Lay plans to evangelize households and start cells.

Outcome objective: Labourers enter households, tell the gospel and start cells.

Read T&M study 37, *Church Planting Guide*, 12, *The House Church*

Key scriptures: Luke 10.5-7, Acts 10.21-27, 1 Corinthians 16.15-16

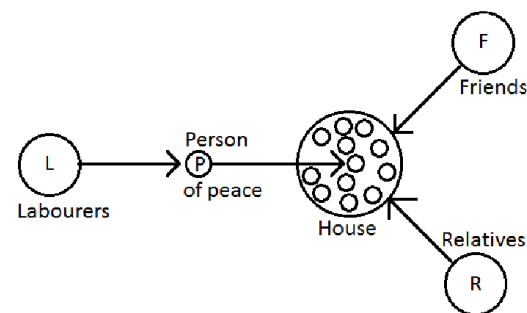
Story. Labourers enter a community and walk about, quietly praying that God show mercy to all who are in need. They also ask the Lord to have someone invite them into his home. Most folk seem cold or suspicious. However, one householder asks what they are doing, then he invites them to come into his house and pray for his family.

Reflect. Jesus said to look for 'children of peace.' What are persons of peace?

Discover. Read the key scriptures, and reply to this query: 'In what ways did the apostles find 'persons of peace'? Write your answers here:

Summary.

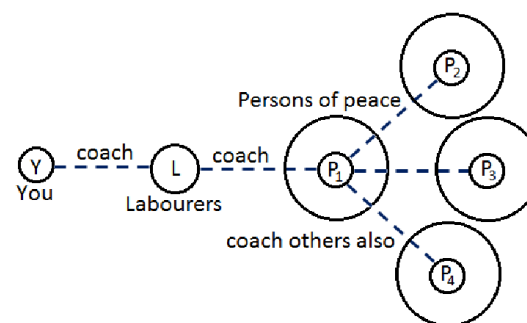
- (1) It was Jesus who commanded labourers to enter into homes.
- (2) Labourers would meet spiritual needs and tell share the Good News, in homes.
- (3) It was households that paid their own expenses.
- (4) Persons of peace would invite friends and relatives to their homes, to hear the Good News. (5) Labourers would seek to lead entire households to put their trust in Jesus.
- (6) Labourers would often baptise entire households.
- (7) Believing households became little churches and would make disciples.
- (8) Apostles would appoint elders or shepherds in every town amongst the churches.



Study. Read Acts 10:24-29. If you have time, then read the entire chapter.

Reflect. How did Peter gain access into Cornelius' home? Whom did he meet there? How hard did Peter have to work in order to find the 'man of peace'? Did Peter invite Cornelius to come visit a church at another place?

Summary. (1) Most new churches start in homes. (2) Sometimes labourers seek persons of peace; other times persons of peace come seeking labourers. (3) It is persons of peace who invite friends and relatives to come learn the Good News. (4) New churches may have very few baptised believers. (5) The first shepherds in new churches may have no previous coaching. (6) Someone must start coaching leaders in new churches. (7) It remains more important to start a church in a community, than to evangelize everyone in that community.



Apply. Have everyone do the following:

1. Ask the Lord about where he would like to start new churches. Draw a simple map showing where their existing churches and cells are located.