



Person of Peace: Malta

Acts 28:1-10

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The Church's mission in terms of relationships of Up, In, and Out

A "Person of Peace": someone outside the faith family particularly drawn to you

Examples in Acts: Simon the Magician (8), the Ethiopian (8), Lydia (16), Malta (28)

Observing principles in a story

Observation One: Paul arrives on Malta because of a storm and shipwreck (27)

Principle: God arranges our encounters with persons of peace

Observation Two: The people showed an unusual kindness and welcome: 28:1-2,7

Principle: persons of peace are marked by their openness to you

Observation Three: Paul is unharmed by a viper bite: 28: 3-6

Principle: in the company of the person of peace, the natural supernatural life is lived out

Observation Four: Paul heals Publius' father: 28:8

Principle: we are to give to our persons of peace what we have to give, nothing more

Observation Five: Paul heals a whole bunch of sick people: 28:9

Principle: persons of peace are doorways to whole networks of relationships

Observation Six: The island people equipped Paul and company for their journey: 28:10

Principle: persons of peace help us even as we help them, and receiving their help is important

Observation Seven: Paul stays on Malta for three months: 28:11

Principle: there may be seasons with beginnings and endings for our persons of peace

Observation Eight: There is no comment by Luke on the evangelistic impact

Principle: we are to trust God with the results of our faithful investments in persons of peace

Remembering our marbles!
