

Ambassadors of Christ



What on earth am I here for?

- The purpose-driven life
 - An aim, objective that guides your behavior, pulls you into the future and gives meaning to your life.
 - Purpose acts as a guiding light, helping you set meaningful goals, make decisions aligned with your values, and stay focused amidst life's inevitable challenges
 - Purpose provides direction, focus, motivation, and a sense of personal fulfillment.
- What is your purposes in your life? How would you discover them for your life?
 - You can find your life purpose only from your Creator, God, because He made you on purpose. If you want to know your purpose, the wisest way to find it is to ask God. In addition, the Bible is the owner's manual that addresses this issue very clearly.
 - Based on God's Great Command and Great Commission, you may identify five purposes for your life.

Five Purposes

The Great Commandment

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:36-39).

The Great Commission

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 (Matthew 28:19-20)

1. **Worship**
 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart
2. **Ministry/Service**
 - Love your neighbor as yourself
3. **Evangelism/Mission**
 - Go and make disciples
4. **Fellowship**
 - Baptizing them
5. **Discipleship**
 - Teaching them to obey

You were made for a mission

- Christians are sent into the world
 - The word 'mission' comes from the Latin word for 'sending.'
 - You are a representative of Jesus when he said, "as the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21).
- Jesus' life mission on earth
 - 12 year's old: "I must be about my father's mission" (Luke 2:49, KJV).
 - 33 year's old: "It is finished" (John 19:30).
- God asks you to continue the mission
 - You are the messenger of God's love and purposes to the world.
 - We speak for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20, NLT).

Your mission: Ambassadors for Christ

- You are Christ's ambassador
 - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).
- Ambassador
 - A person sent by the government of a country to a different country who is the official representative of their country.
 - You are sent by God for Christ.

The importance of your mission

- Your mission is a continuum of Jesus' mission on earth
 - Jesus calls you not only to come to him, but to go for him.
- Your mission is a wonderful privilege
 - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).
- Your mission has eternal significance. Telling others how they can have eternal life is the greatest thing you can do for them
 - As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work (John 9:4).
- Your mission gives your life meaning
 - My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me (Acts 20:24).
- God's timetable for history's conclusion is connected to the completion of your commission
 - This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come (Matthew 24:14).

We are Ambassadors for Christ

- AFC Workshop
 - Time: 12 sessions (3 months)
 - Purpose
 - This workshop is designed to equip you with sound knowledge, wisdom, and the necessary competencies and skills to become effective ambassadors for Christ.
 - Participants will understand the important duties of ambassadors and apply what they have learned from this workshop to their lives and ministerial contexts.
 - Format
 - Discussion-based (not lecture-oriented).
 - Andragogy format (not pedagogical style).
 - Content:
 - Practical theological topics; church ministerial and your personal life issues will be shared.
 - Bible contents.

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Workshop Rules

- **Be punctual:** Join the Zoom on time for each session to maximize your learning experience and show respect for fellow participants and instructor;
- **Engage actively:** Participate in discussions, activities, and exercises to contribute to the learning environment and make the most of the workshop;
- **Listen attentively:** Pay close attention to instructor and fellow participants when they speak to ensure you grasp key concepts and ideas;
- **Limit distractions:** Minimize distractions to maintain focus and maximize learning;
- **Stay open-minded:** Approach each session with an open mind and willingness to explore new ideas, and perspectives;
- **Respect others:** Treat fellow participants and instructor with respect, kindness, and courtesy, fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment;
- **Take ownership:** Take responsibility for your own learning by actively seeking clarification, asking questions, and applying content to real-life situations.

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