

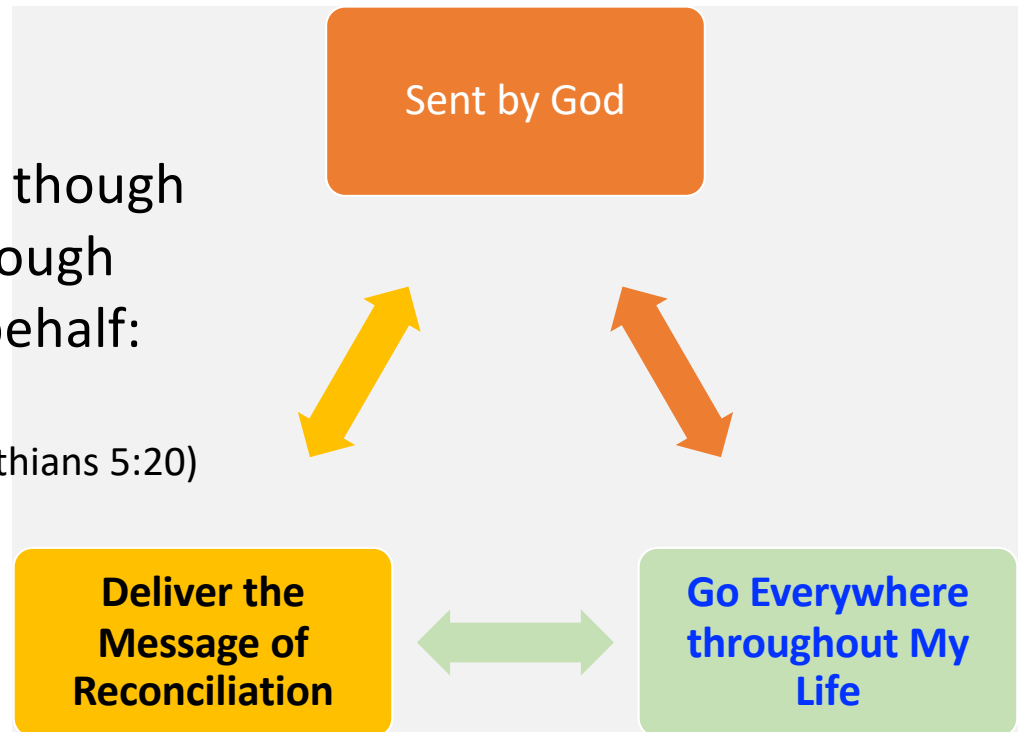
Ambassadors of Christ (11)



Christ's Ambassador Model

We are **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God

(2 Corinthians 5:20)



You are Ambassadors for Christ

- Your new identity
 - You are representatives of Jesus Christ, entrusted with sharing the message of reconciliation (the gospel) with the world.
 - This role involves reflecting Christ's character, values, and love while living on earth as citizens of a heavenly kingdom.
- What does this mean?
 - **Representing heaven:** Just as a human ambassador represents their home nation in a foreign land, Christians represent the kingdom of God while living in the world.
 - **The ministry of reconciliation:** The primary role is to communicate that God was reconciling the world to Himself through Christ.
 - **Living the message:** This goes beyond words, involving showing kindness, integrity, and grace in daily life—at home, work, and in the community.
 - **Call to action:** Ambassadors are urged to live as followers of Jesus, resisting worldly compromises and acting as authorized messengers of peace between God and humanity.

The Purposes and Methods of Ambassadors

Purposes

- **Reconciliation**: Ambassadors bridge the gap between a holy God and humanity, offering a message of peace and reconciliation.
- **Representation**: As citizens of Heaven living in a foreign land (earth), believers represent the authority, values, and message of Jesus.
- **Mission**: It is a direct commission to "go into all the world" and make disciples.
- **Sharing Love**: Ambassadors exist to show the world God's love and forgiveness, inviting others to be part of His family.

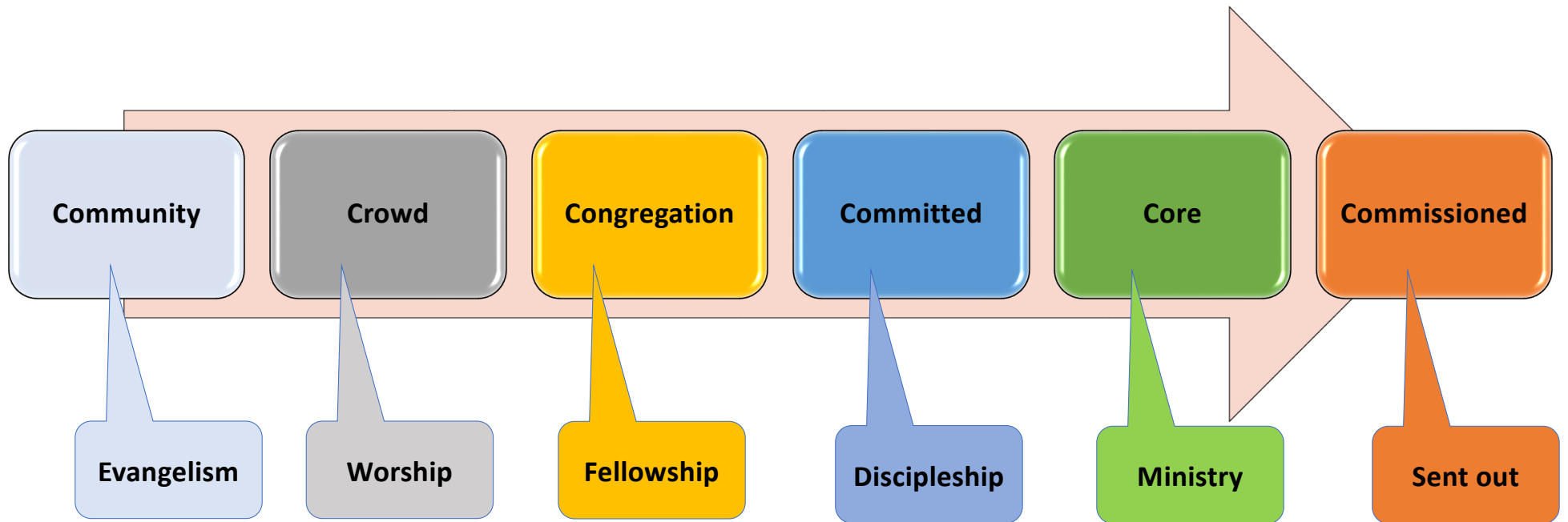
Methods

- **Character**: Reflecting Christlike action (humility, love, and integrity) serves as a living letter that draws others to Him.
- **Relationships**: Engaging with people in their comfort zones rather than just within church walls allows for authentic connection.
- **Sharing**: Using verbal testimony to share the Good News, as people need to hear the message to believe.
- **Bearing Burdens**: Demonstrating love through service and helping others, which reveals the compassion of Christ.
- **Heaven's Values**: Prioritizing divine principles over worldly ones, even when it is difficult

Incarnational Ambassadors

- Incarnation
 - Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20, ESV).
 - For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life (2 Corinthians 2:15-16).
- The work of an ambassador is incarnational
 - God has called us all to function as His incarnational ambassadors. Everything you say and do has import because of the King we represent.
 - The primary question should be: "How can I best represent the King in this place, with this particular person?"
- God's kingdom come
 - When you become ambassadors for Christ, your lives cease to be your own.
 - Where is God specifically calling you to die to yourself so you can live for a kingdom much bigger than your own?
 - Think about your future meeting with God in heaven. Expect to hear God recognize your faithful efforts and endeavors as His ambassador on earth. Are you confident in receiving God's positive feedback?

Six Targets and Essential Strategies



The Privilege of Ambassadors

- God sent you to be His ambassador to help people to know Him.
 - **Authority**: I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you (Luke 10:19).
 - **Territory**: Every place where you set your foot will be yours: Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea (Deuteronomy 11:24).
 - **Security**: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me (Psalm 23:4).
 - **Confidence**: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile (Romans 1:16).

Maximize your Influence

- God himself tells you to maximize your influence.
 - Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days (Ephesians 5:16).
- The life goal of Solomon: Influence by helping society's most vulnerable
 - He will help the poor when they cry out and will save the needy when no one else will help. He will be kind to the weak and poor, and he will save their lives (Psalm 72:12-13 NCV).
- Influence is a stewardship:
 - Your influence is a tool God has given you to serve others and bring glory to Him, not for personal gain.
 - Instead of being selfish, you're expanding your influence for Jesus' sake. That's the only reason you're on earth. You only have two legitimate reasons to expand your influence—to help people and to share Christ with others. Any other reason is selfishness.

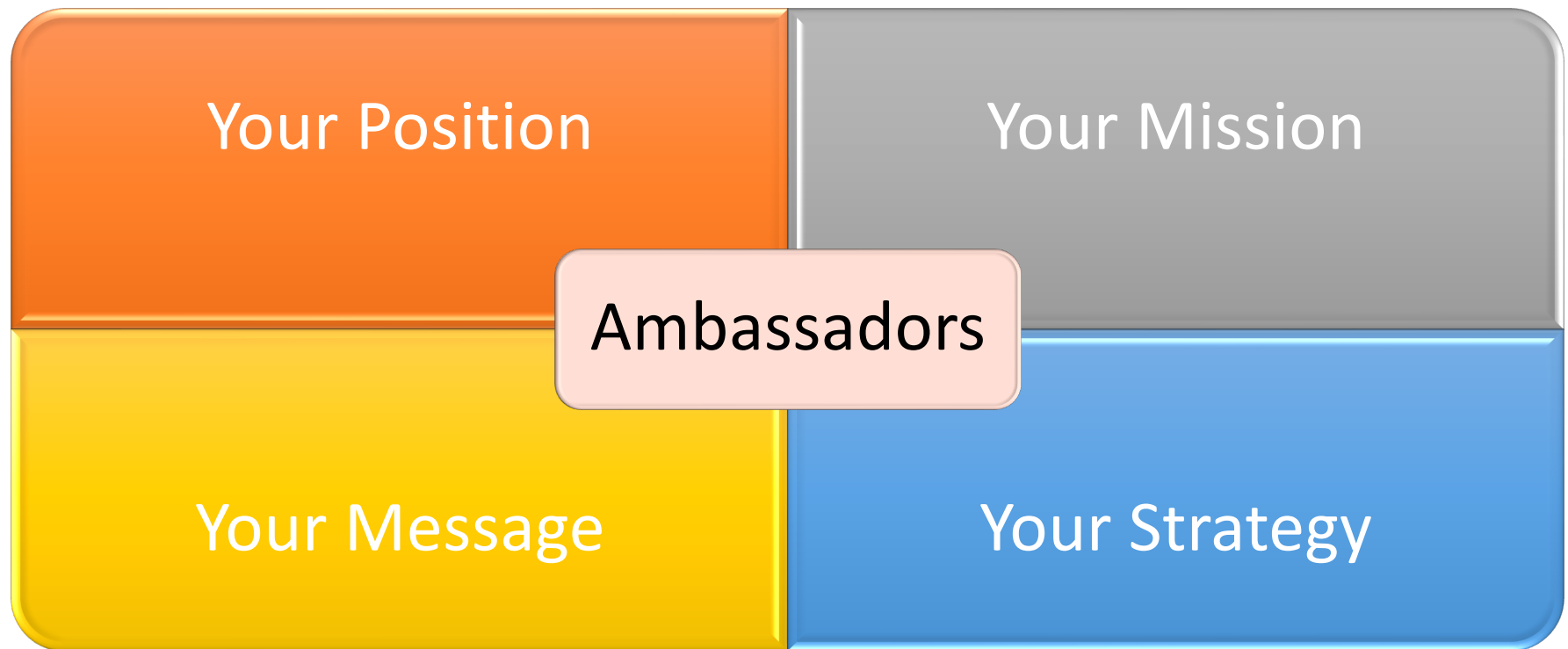
What is It in Your Hand?

- The shepherd's staff
 - Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?" Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand? (Exodus 4:1-2).
 - The staff symbolizes using his current identity (a shepherd), influence (tendering sheep), and income (resources) for God.
- What is it in your hand?
 - Start where you are: You don't need a massive platform; start by offering your daily life to God, similar to how Moses used his staff.
 - When you give what you have—your talents, skills, and resources—to God, He makes it come alive for His purpose.
 - God never asks ambassadors to do something without giving them the necessary tools, but they often fail to use what they already have.
 - Maximize the capacities what God gave you (SHAPE).

Ambassadors: God's Priority

- Eternal Impact
 - Ambassadors have an eternal impact, as they advance God's kingdom and bring people to salvation
 - Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life (John 5:24).
- Co-workers with God
 - Ambassadors are God's co-workers, participating in His mission to the world
 - For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9).
- Reward for faithfulness
 - As ambassadors serve faithfully, God graciously rewards their work according to His purposes
 - Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness (Matthew 25:21).

Remember Who You Are



Self-reflective questions

- How have I fulfilled the assignment given to me by God as His ambassador?
- In what ways have I represented God faithfully in my **daily life** and interactions with others?
- Am I prepared to give an account of my **stewardship** before the judgment seat of Christ?
- How do I **steward** the mysteries of God in my ministry and personal life?
- How often do I reflect on the fact that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess to God?
- What specific actions or behaviors demonstrate my commitment as a **servant** of Christ?
- Have I been faithful in the tasks and responsibilities entrusted to me by God?
- How do I ensure that my actions align with God's will and purpose for my life?
- In what areas of my life can I improve to be a more effective ambassador for Christ?
- How can I better prepare myself to give an account of how I conducted my Master's business?



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Ambassador for Christ: Covenant of Commission

The Ambassador's Pledge

I, _____, having completed the three-month Ambassador Training Program (January 10-March 28, 2026), do hereby enter into this solemn covenant before God and this congregation:

I. Recognition of Divine Calling I recognize and understand that I am called by God to be an Ambassador for Christ. I accept that my primary citizenship is in Heaven and that I represent the Kingdom of God in every sphere of my influence.

II. Application of Training I commit to using and applying all the biblical principles, skills, and contents I have learned during this training. I will strive to conduct myself with the integrity, love, and authority of a Kingdom Ambassador throughout every area of my life.

III. The Multiplication of Ambassadors I commit to the Great Commission by training others to become Ambassadors. I will faithfully use the Ambassador Training materials to equip, mentor, and send out new representatives for Christ, ensuring the mission continues to grow.

Declaration of Commitment

By signing below, I signify my intent to live out this calling, relying on the strength and grace of the Holy Spirit to be a faithful witness to the ends of the earth.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by: Heather Lee

Please sign the document
and email it to me by next
Saturday.