Ambassadors of Christ (4)



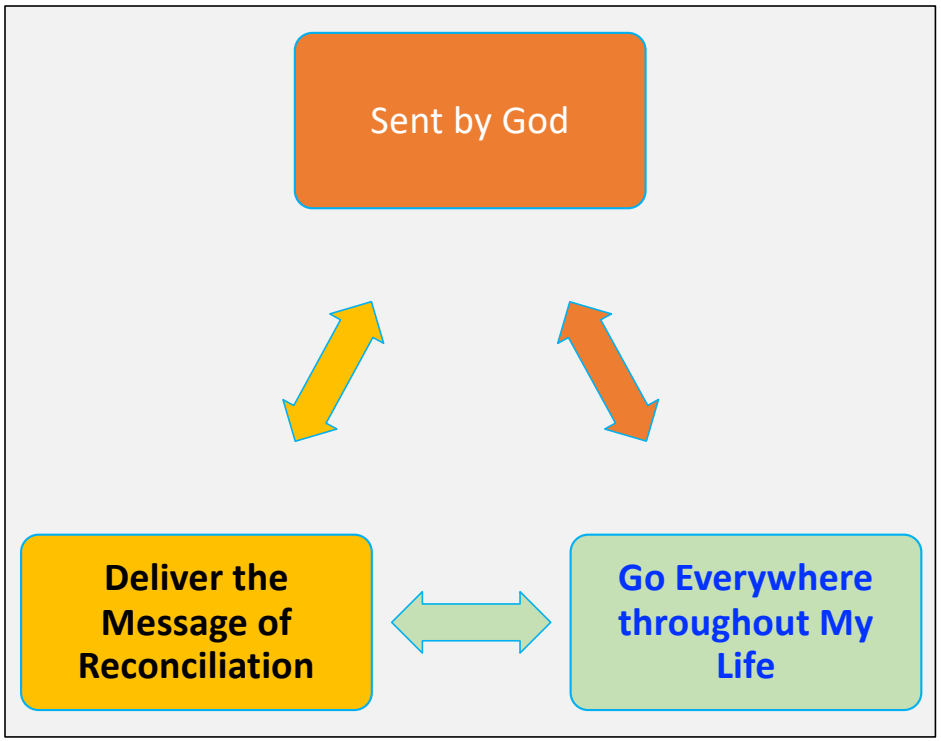
Ambassador Songs



Ambassador Song

Christ's Ambassador Model

- We are sent out with the authority of Christ
  - Understanding that we represent the authority of the God should make us bold ambassadors for Christ.
- We are sent out with the message of the gospel
  - We must trust in the power of the message to make new creatures and bring life to people dead in their sins.
  - We must call people we encounter on a daily basis to repent and believe in Christ Jesus.
- We are in the active service for the King
  - We should see our jobs as a means to provide for us so that we can actively share the gospel and seek the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ.



The Privilege of Ambassadors



- Ambassadors are the fragrance of Christ
  - So that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).
  - Their identity: Salt & Light
  - Ambassadors are the perfume of Christ to a lost and dying world. They are to be aroma of reconciliation everywhere we go.
  - For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing (2 Corinthians 2:15).
- The greatest privilege in life is to serve in the body of Christ
  - Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? (1 Corinthians 3:16).
- Ambassadors will be rewarded for eternity
  - Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done (Revelation 22:12).

Becoming a World-Class Ambassador

- Shift from self-centered thinking to other-centered thinking
  - Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others (Philippians 2:4).
- Shift from local thinking to global thinking
  - Begin praying for specific countries/regions.
  - Reading and watching the news with Great Commission eyes: Make disciples of **all** nations.
  - Participating a short-term mission project every year.
- Shift from 'here & new' thinking to 'eternal' thinking
  - We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18).
- Shift from thinking of excuses to thinking of creative ways to fulfill your mission from God
  - (God to Jeremiah) Do not say, I am too young. You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you (Jeremiah 1:7-8).

What Should Ambassadors Think?

- Think about Jesus.
  - Consider him (Jesus) who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:3).
- Think about others.
  - Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others (Philippians 2:4).
  - Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24).
- Think about eternity.
  - Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things (Colossians 3:2).
  - The things God has prepared for those who love him (1 Corinthians 2:9).

What is in the Future for Ambassadors?

- Ambassadors will be called to give an account of their stewardship
  - Ambassadors will give an account of their actions, talents, and stewardship to Jesus Christ on judgment day.
  - After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them (Matthew 25:19).
  - So then each of us will give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:12).
  - As servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).
- Ambassadors should be faithful
  - The accounts are individual, emphasizing personal responsibility for one's actions, words, and thoughts.
  - The purpose is to determine faithfulness in service, rather than just success, holding ambassadors to a standard of stewardship over God's property.

Target and Focus: Your Neighbor

- Target Audience:
  - People everywhere, particularly those who are lost, lonely, or far from God.
- Areas of Focus:
  - Focus on your immediate neighborhoods, communities, and areas of need, acting as the hands and feet of Jesus.
- Action-Oriented:
  - The goal is to build trust and bridges in the community to proclaim the Gospel.
- The Unbelieving World:
  - Those who do not know God or are far from God. This includes friends, family, co-workers, acquaintances, your country, and the world.
- The Community:
  - The focus is on engaging the local community to build bridges of trust and proclaim the gospel.
- The Lost and Lonely:
  - Specifically, people in need of hope, mercy, and the message of reconciliation.

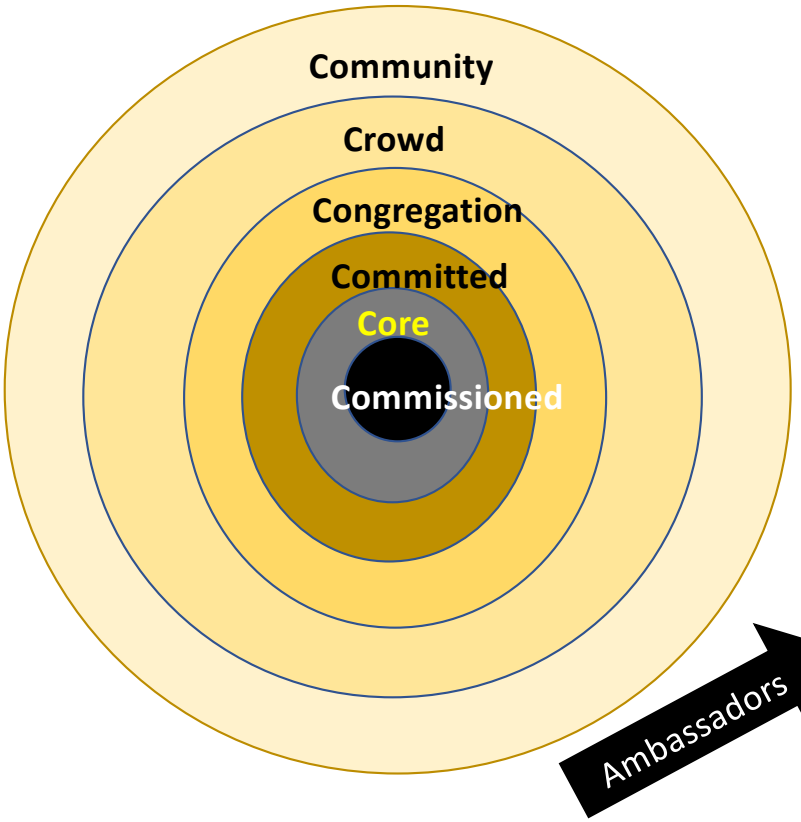
Ambassadors Should Love your Neighbor

- Neighbor:
  - *Plēsion* (Greek: the one near).
  - *Rēa:* (Hebrew): Friend, companion, fellow.
  - The other person; anyone who is in front of us regardless of their nationality or religion.
  - Love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:29).
- Who are neighbors?
  - Friends: Love your friends (John 15:13, Proverbs 17:17).
  - Families: Honor your parents and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 19:17-19).
  - Enemies: Love your enemies (But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44).

Ambassadors: Neighbors in Soul

- Soul Neighbors
  - Loving all people with the same sacrificial, compassionate, and active care one has for themselves.
  - Am I my brother's keeper? (Genesis 4:9).
  - Now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19, TPT).
- We are all God's children
  - God created one race and we are all connected each other. We share a commonality that makes us neighbors. We have empathy and shared experiences that connect us to one another. Differences should not prevent us from loving others as ourselves.
  - Everyone is our neighbor because they are near to our own soul, and we ought to love their souls as we love our own souls.

Your Neighbor: Identify the Target



The Community	The uncommitted people who live within your ministry area
The Crowd	The people who are committed to attending worship each week
The Congregation	Those who have committed to membership
The Committed	Those who have committed to maturity
The Core	Those who have committed to ministry
The Commissioned	Those who have committed to their mission

Different Strategies Needed to Each Target

