

## What it Means to Follow Jesus – Part 2

### WE ARE AMBASSADORS

“We are CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS” 2 Cor. 5:20 (NLT)

#### MY ROLE AS AN AMBASSADOR

##### 1. I represent Jesus in the world

“Be sure that you live in a way that brings honor to the Good News of Christ.” Phil. 1:27 (NCV)

##### 2. I've been given a mission

“I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace.” Acts 20:24 (NCV)

##### 3. I have been given authority to speak

Jesus said, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always...” Matt. 28:18-20 (TEV)

##### 4. I serve in a foreign culture

“If you call God your Father, live your time as temporary residents on earth...” 1 Peter 1:17 (GW)

“... all that other people think about is life here on earth. But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.” Phil. 3:19-20

#### MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN AMBASSADOR

##### 1. I must be an example

“People who do not believe are living all around you and might say you are doing wrong. So live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God...” 1 Peter 2:12 (NCV)

##### 2. I must share the message

“Anyone who is joined to Christ becomes a new person; the old is gone... All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also. Our message is that God was making all human beings his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends.” 2 Cor. 5:17-19 (TEV)

“God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins. And he gave us this message of peace. So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God. Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin so that in Christ we could become right with God. We are workers together with God.” 2 Cor. 5:19-6:1 (NCV)

##### 3. I must show love

“We loved you so much that we gave you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.” 1 Thess. 2:8 (NLT)

“Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you, but do it with gentleness and respect.” 1 Pet 3:15-16

“Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. I do this to get the Good News to them and also for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ.” 1 Cor. 9:22b-23 (LB)

#### MY REWARD AS AN AMBASSADOR

“Whatever you do, always work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. Remember that the Lord will give you as a reward the inheritance he has kept for his people. For Christ is the real Master you serve!” Col. 3:23-24 (TEV)