



It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... Ephesians 1:11

- Understanding your identity in Christ should change \_\_\_\_\_ about your life.

...“If you really are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread...”Matthew 4:2

- Only when you understand your identity in Christ, will you live out God's \_\_\_\_\_ for your life.

17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person . The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- Part of your identity in Christ is that you are an \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

**An Ambassador:** An ambassador is the highest-ranking diplomat **sent** from one country to another, to promote and protect the interests of their home country.

20 But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

- The real Christmas story is about God sending Jesus as an \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. 2 Corinthians 5:19

**A few things about an ambassador:**

- Every ambassador is \_\_\_\_\_.

38 For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. John 6:38

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

- Every ambassador has a \_\_\_\_\_.

“Right now I am shaken. And what am I going to say? ‘Father, get me out of this’? No, this is why I came in the first place. John 12:27

- Every ambassador has a \_\_\_\_\_.

“Don't you realize that there are yet other villages where I have to tell the Message of God's kingdom, this is the work God sent me to do?” Luke 4:43 (Msg)

- Every follower of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to be an ambassador of Christ.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 19b ...And (God) has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 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. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor 5:17, 19b-21

**A Simple Definition of an Ambassador of Christ:**

As an ambassador of Christ, we carry within us the message and mission of God's grace, love, and forgiveness everywhere we go.

**Ways to live as an ambassador of Christ:**

- Show people \_\_\_\_\_ and respect.
- Throughout your day, \_\_\_\_\_ for the good of those around you. (*Even those who might be against you.*)
- Choose to be a source of \_\_\_\_\_ in conflict.
- Make yourself available to \_\_\_\_\_ with love.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. Luke 2:8-18



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- In your own words what does it mean to be an Ambassador of Christ?
- Have you ever considered that Jesus was an ambassador sent to us?
- Do you see yourself as sent from God to this world?
- Do you understand your mission from God as an ambassador? Do you feel equipped for the task? Do you have the courage for this task? Is there anything that keeps you from this mission?
- Why is understanding that we were created and chosen to be ambassadors of Christ important?
- What are some ways we can show kindness to advance our mission?
- Why do we need to pray for those we do life with?
- What are some ways we can be a source of peace in conflict?
- What is one way we can make ourselves available to share Jesus with others?

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