



A.K.A. Ambassadors

Week 5
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Icebreaker: Aside from the gospel, what is the most important news you have ever been tasked with delivering?

Key Verse: *However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.* Acts 20:24

What is an ambassador? We are all familiar with this title and are aware that there are people who do this job, but what exactly do they do? An ambassador is an accredited dignitary who has the responsibility of communicating and advocating for the interests of their government in a foreign land. So how does this term describe us as Christians?

When you become a Christian, your interests become subordinate to the interests of the King you serve. The single purpose of your life as a Christian is to tell as many people as possible about the King you serve in the hopes that they may become an ambassador for Christ as well. Paul threw himself whole-heartedly into this task, as we see from His words in Acts 20:24. He saw the kingdom as being bigger and more important than his life because Paul knew that one day his heart would stop and his life would end, but the kingdom would continue. People had to be ready to take his place.

Paul saw this task as a race that should be run with endurance and commitment. The race was to complete the task Jesus had given him, to testify of the gospel of grace. Ambassadors spread the message of the gospel – God is holy, and we can be reconciled to Him through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This is the message all kingdom ambassadors carry with them wherever they go and tell those with whom God has given them influence.

THINK IT OVER >>>

Thinking back on Brandon’s message, what stood out to you?

Brandon said there are five keys to being a good ambassador:

1. Represent God’s priorities
2. Represent God’s desire for reconciliation
3. Represent God’s Son
4. Represent God’s voice
5. Represent God’s character

Which of these five is most difficult for you? How can you grow in that area?

Who is someone you need to help experience reconciliation with God? What’s the right next step for you to take in helping them?

LOOK IT OVER >>>

Have you taken hold of your identity as an ambassador? If not, why not?

Whom do you know who hasn’t heard the good news of the gospel? How can you tell them in your role as an ambassador?

Where are the areas God has given you influence every week? What would it look like for you to be an ambassador in each of these places? With whom would you share the gospel?

How can you work to be an effective ambassador instead of an anonymous or obnoxious one?

NEXT STEPS

This week, consider taking some next steps together, as a group:

1. Praise God for calling you to be His ambassador. Pray that you would take this role seriously and give your best to it. Ask for God to show you those opportunities where you can represent Him to people who have not met Him.
2. As a community, we are a meeting place of ambassadors. In our meetings, we should focus on encouraging one another as we go into the world representing our King. We have a crucial opportunity each week to encourage one another. We help each other see the need to tell others about Christ, and we pray for one another as we go out as ambassadors in the places God has called us to.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Living, daily, as an ambassador for Christ.

Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

FURTHER STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out these verses:

- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Colossians 4:5-6
- 2 Timothy 2:22-26
- 1 Peter 3:15-16

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.
(Don't forget to bring this paper to the next small group meeting)