

LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

LIVING AS MISSIONAL AMBASSADORS

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

THE REDEMPTIVE CYCLE

1. We are **reconciled**.
2. We are given the **ministry** of **reconciliation**.
3. We make an **appeal**.
4. God does the **reconciling**.
5. They are **reconciled**.

Defining Ambassador: *An ambassador is someone **sent** to do the King's **business**.*

Living as an Ambassador:

1. We must have a gospel **presence**.
2. We must make a gospel **proclamation**.

GOSPEL PRESENCE

Meaningful Gospel Presence:

1. **Pray** (Colossians 4:2-4; Ephesians 6:18-20)
 - God would open eyes to see Jesus.
 - God would **open doors** for you to share Jesus.
 - God would grant boldness for Gospel proclamation.
 - God would grant **clarity** in Gospel proclamation
2. **Engage** (Matthew 5:13-16; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 2:11-12)
 - Be **available**.
 - Do **life** together...
 - Eat together.
 - Play together.
 - Go out together.
 - Be a **blessing**.
 - See needs and meet needs.
 - **Live** out what you **believe**.
 - Our **actions** must match our **words**.
 - Model the **humility** of Jesus.
 - Let **love** be the **language** of your **life**.

Proactive Practical Gospel Presence:

1. **Pray** something **daily**.
2. **Say** something **weekly**.
3. **Do** something **monthly**.

Group Work: Discuss the following questions around your table.

1. What is the difference between being present in someone's life versus having a Gospel presence? Why is having a Gospel presence important?
2. Who are you specifically praying for in your circle and what are you praying?

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Meaningful Gospel Presence:

1. It starts with personal preparation. (1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:5-6; Matthew 28:18-20)
 - Pursue God daily.
 - Trust and abide in the Spirit.
 - Be who God made you to be.
 - Study and believe in the Word of God.
2. Define an intentional plan.
 - Build a relationship and pray.
 - Declare who you are and pray.
 - Ask questions and pray.
 - Listen well and pray.
 - Share your grace story and pray.
 - Present the gospel and pray.
3. Do not fear. (Joshua 1:9; Psalm 27:1)
 - God is in the business of redemption.
 - Success is based on obedience not outcome.
 - This is our purpose.
4. Be bold and clear in your proclamation. (Ephesians 6:18-20; 2 Corinthians 4:1-7)
 - Quick Reminders:
 - The gospel does not change.
 - It is ok to say, "I don't know."
 - Point back to scripture as your authority.
 - Share the truth and give an opportunity for response.
 - Boldness and Clarity:
 - Declare who God is and what He intended.
 - Declare who we are and why that is a problem.
 - Declare what God did and what it fixed.
 - Declare how we respond and what lies ahead.

5. Share towards a response and give next steps.
- Pray a declaration of need and belief.
 - Connect them to the Word and a church body.
 - Walk with them in their new relationship.
 - Teach them to obey and live missionally.

Group Work: Discuss the following questions around your table.

1. What are some of the things you fear the most in Gospel proclamation? What are the biggest obstacles you face in stepping out in faith?
2. What could you do to be more effective and grow in your Gospel proclamation?

BOTTOM LINE LIVING (ISAIAH 6:1-8)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Evangelism is one beggar showing another beggar where he found food.

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