

City Church Network - Tuesday Fellowship

November 5, 2019

“Identity #5: Ambassador identity”

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Goal for discussion of tri-fold of identity (ambassador, sojourner, warrior) for followers of Jesus:

- For each follower of Jesus to learn to recognize and understand the cultural assault on the Christian identities of ambassador, sojourner, and warrior
- For these identities to become rooted and established in the consciousness of followers of Jesus so that they motivate daily decisions

Bible passages examined:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
- Ephesians 6:18-20
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Luke 24:45-47
- Acts 1:8

Questions for discussion:

- What barriers exist in my heart and life to having my identity as an ambassador rooted and established in my consciousness so that it impacts my daily decisions?

Thoughts and ideas shared after reading the passages above:

- Paul prayed for boldness and words (Ephesians 6 passage).
- God is making an appeal to the world through us (2 Corinthians 5 passage).
- An ambassador is:
 - A representative of a ruler or government
 - Carrying and promoting a message
 - Sent to a foreign place and people
 - A mouthpiece
 - Authoritative
- True ambassador identity
 - *All followers of Jesus in the world are called as representatives of Jesus to look for opportunities to share the message of hope that Jesus offers through our actions and our words.*

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Thoughts and ideas shared after reading the passages above (continued):

- Cultural and other barriers to this identity
 - Fear of making mistakes
 - Insufficient exposure to training and modeling
 - Unbelief in the power of the Gospel
 - Lack of relationships with unbelievers
 - Desire for those relationships
 - Prayer for those relationships
 - Seeking those relationships
 - Procrastination / laziness
 - Busyness
 - Spiritual warfare
 - Lack of perspective about what is at stake
 - Lack of prayer
 - Lack of team
 - Overemphasis on personal comfort; underemphasis on relationships
 - Low personal intimacy with God
 - Cultural rejection of absolute truth
 - Fear of foolishness / rejection
 - Perception of being judgmental or condescending
- This is not a vocation. This is an identity.

