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## DISCIPLESHIP

# ENGAGING OUR CULTURE: AMBASSADORS IN ACTION

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### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-19 ESV

- <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
- <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;
- <sup>19</sup>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.

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 ESV

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

### JAMES 1:19-20 ESV

- <sup>21</sup>Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
- <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.
- <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.
- <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

### JOHN 16:33 ESV

“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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**JAMES 1:26-27 ESV**

- <sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.
- <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**JOHN 13:34-35 ESV**

- <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.
- <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does it mean to be an “ambassador for Christ?” Does this change how you view yourself and others?
2. What does it mean to be a “doer of the Word” and not just a “hearer of the Word?” Which is hardest for you: being quick to listen, slow to speak, or slow to anger?
3. How can sharing your own hardships and challenges help others relate? What would it look like to love others in the church like Jesus?