



Sermon Guide: Ambassadors (12/17/2022)

Join us on **Sunday at 7 PM** on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Read *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4*, Chapter 36, "Christ's Ambassadors"

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:20 "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

All Are Called to Minister

"To every man is given his work; not one is excused. It should be urged upon them again and again that no one will be able to resist temptation, to answer the purpose of God, and to live the life of a Christian unless he shall take up his work, be it great or small, and do that work with conscientious fidelity. There is something for all to do besides going to church and listening to the word of God. They must practice the truth heard, carrying its principles into their everyday life. They must be doing work for Christ constantly, not from selfish motives, but with an eye single to the glory of Him who made every sacrifice to save them from ruin." – Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4*, 397

1. Reflect on this statement by Ellen White and the one by Leslie Hardinge. How is a cut and polished gemstone an excellent example of how Christians are called to minister?

2. What would happen to the light passing through a gemstone with no facets?

Ambassadors of the Kingdom

Reference verses: Ephesians 6:19-20; Matthew 28:18-20

3. Why is proper disciple-making such an important part of being an ambassador of our Father's Kingdom?



Speaking Boldly

Reference verses: Acts 19:8-10

4. What does Paul's example of being an ambassador reveal about the importance of speaking boldly about Jesus?

"Some may be listening to the last sermon they will ever hear, and some will never again be so situated that they can have the chain of truth brought before them and a practical application made of it to their hearts. That golden opportunity lost is lost forever." – Ellen White, *Testimonies, vol. 4, 393*

"There are more souls longing to understand how they may come to Christ than we imagine. The people are more ignorant in regard to the plan of salvation and need more instruction upon this all-important subject than upon any other." – Ellen White, *Testimonies, vol. 4, 394*

5. How do these two quotes from Ellen White further your understanding of being a bold ambassador?

Showing Jesus

Reference verses: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

6. What mission is given to the ambassador of Christ?

Reference verses: 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-8

7. How is this mission to be accomplished?

Final Reflection

8. How does Chris Steven's example as a United States Ambassador put most ambassadors of Christ to shame?
