

## Ambassador Basics Curriculum Outline

### AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

3 challenges, 3 topics w/ 3-fold definition, 3 subtopics, 3 assignments

**Level A** – “Apologetics: (Being) Ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20; Jude 1:3) Acts 2:38-39→Colossians 3:12-17 (The starting point is Conversion/the new birth; the end in view=Christlikeness)

John 3:17-21; Mark 16:14-20  
2 Peter 3:1-18; 1 John 3:1-24

#### 3 Challenges:

- Desire to believe the complete truth about Jesus Christ  
Move: trajectory (from brokenness to wholeness)
- Desire to belong completely and truly to Jesus Christ  
Modify or Make a Change: transformation (from sinfulness to holiness)
- Desire to become complete and true like Jesus Christ  
Mature: *telos* (from made whole to made holy; from healed to healer)

#### I. Ambassadors for Christ (the task at hand). You are:

- Not the same—born again; regeneration; old passed, all things new
- Not your own—bought with a price; crucified with Christ; Christ’s
- Not of this world—citizenship in Heaven, ambassadors, representative; mission and message

#### A. Regeneration

1. Was dead in sin, now alive in Christ
2. Passed from death to life
3. Put off the old man, and put on the new
4. Old things have passed away; all things have become new

#### B. Rights (privileges/ promises)

- a. Relationship with Jesus (belong to Him and He to you)
- b. The Holy Spirit
- c. Eternal life
- d. Etc.

- C. Responsibilities (position/performance? certain knowledge, wisdom, and character)
  - a. Sermon on the Mount—go through & assign read/study
  - b. The 3 Loves—God, neighbor, and one another
  - c. Share the gospel: make disciples & defend the Faith
    - i. Apologetics
    - ii. Evangelism
    - iii. Ministry—follow Jesus; give and receive
    - iv. Love—grow, become, live like Jesus

### Assignments

Listen: “How to Be an Ambassador for Christ” by Greg Koukl: listen and take notes

Read: Sermon on the Mount (or Matthew chapters 1-7)

Share: Give them something they can share with others about Jesus, the gospel, or what God is doing in their life.

Lesson Summary Catch Phrase: *Ambassadors for Christ*

- II. Apologetics—what is It? “Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (holy ones, us)” (Jude 3)

- Thoughtful, well-reasoned defense of Christianity
- Shared with others
- Motivated out of love and a desire to see everyone saved

- A. Spiritual conversation—talk about your story, talk about God’s story, listen to others’ stories and share your thoughts informed by God’s Word, share God’s Word and what it says about anyone’s specific situation, give them the biblical Jesus and the gospel, defend and stand for biblical truth—Call for Decisions/ Call Disciples. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Colossians 4:2-6)
- B. Spiritual formation—to make disciples you must be a disciple, develop and grow in wisdom, basic training and continual development for warfare as a soldier—Continuous Development/ Continuously Develop. Then bring others into your journey and/or lead them through where you have already passed. (2 Timothy 3:10-4:5; Ephesians 6:10-20)
- C. Spiritual warfare—become a soldier for Christ, a warrior of light, a Word Warrior, correct, rebuke, reprove in good Christian love and character, strongly and firmly point to the truth of God and his Word—Combat Deceptions. (2 Corinthians 10:1-6; Titus 1:7-2:1)

### Assignments

Listen: "Contending for the Faith" by Hobart Freeman: listen and take notes

Read: Acts 1-4

Share: Give them something they can share with others about Jesus, the gospel, or what God is doing in their life.

Lesson Summary Catch Phrase: *Earnestly contend for the Faith.*

### III. The A.B.C.'s (Beginning the discipleship process: an introduction) Matthew 28:19-20; 8:24-26; 16:24-27; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-26

- Go: the Principle (you, me, us, sent together by Jesus; Great Commission)
- Grow: the Process (ACTS, A-Z, Relationship and Discipline Workshops)
- Goal: the Plan (from newborn to full stature, just like Jesus, Christlikeness: examples Peter, Paul, John, Philip)

#### A. Get Educated = Believe

Believe in Jesus

#### B. Get Equipped = Belong

Belong to Jesus

#### C. Get Empowered = Become

Become like Jesus

### Assignments

Listen: "Totally Yielding to the Holy Spirit" by Hobart Freeman: listen and take notes

Read: Psalm 1-4; Proverbs 1-4

Share: Give them something they can share with others about Jesus, the gospel, or what God is doing in their life.

Lesson Summary Catch Phrase: *Make Disciples*