

# Missionaries 1 - Ambassadors

## Weekly Discussion & Journal Guide

### Sermon Notes

This week, we learned about what it means that we are missionaries. Specifically, the fact that Paul calls us ambassadors. As ambassadors, all of us - together and individually - are representatives of God. In our community groups, we ought to be working to see how we can help one another be ambassadors in the places where we are - our jobs, our neighborhoods, our schools, our families. The way that God has decided to reach the world is through His people. We are His strategy.

### Questions

1. Who has been an ambassador of Christ to you?
2. What are some reasons people you know are “post-Christian”?
3. How is sharing Jesus challenging for you in our world today?
4. Have you ever thought of yourself as a missionary?
5. What holds you back from being a missionary? What are the reasons you keep to yourself?
6. Where is God calling you to be a missionary?
7. What do you think of when you hear that you are God’s strategy in the world?
8. **Are you investing in the lives of the people who don’t know Christ? Who is God calling you to invest in?**
9. How do we see people through God’s point of view, not our own?
10. The love of Christ urges us on. How can this encourage you and give you the strength to do God’s work? How can we encourage each other in this?

### Additional Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-20, Romans 5-6, Matthew 9:10-13, Luke 4:17-21 Isaiah 6:8

### Text Group Prompts

1. Share with your text group someone who you are feeling called to reach out to. And then pray for each other’s person.

### Daily Readings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans 7	Romans 8	Romans 9	Romans 10	Romans 11	Romans 12

### **Journaling Prompts.**

Romans offers us an appropriate image of the what and the how of what it means to be missionaries. Here are some questions to consider this week as you read through these chapters. You don't necessarily have to respond on the days that correspond to the daily readings. If you are in a text group, talk about any questions you might have together about what you're reading or share some of what you wrote in your journaling.

### **Romans 7**

Paul shares a soliloquy of the inner battle we all face. We know the right thing to do, but we don't do that thing. We know the wrong thing to do, and we do that thing."Oh, wretched man that I am!" In your journaling, consider the times you identify with what Paul is saying here. What are the common situations you get yourself in where this battle is most plain to you? After you write some thoughts out about that, reread Romans 7:24-25 out loud. ("Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"). Then, write a prayer to God thanking Him for rescuing you and forgiving you.

### **Romans 8:31-39**

Consider the things in life that try to separate you from the love of God. Write a list. Then, write a prayer to God asking Him to remind you of how great the love He has for you and how He has shown you that in Jesus Christ.

### **Romans 12:2**

How are you being transformed by Christ? Where do you need to be transformed? What scares you about this transformation? What hopes do you have in this transformation?

Write a prayer to God thanking Him for the ways that He has already transformed you, the strength to continue through the ways He is currently transforming you, and to be ready for the ways He might transform you in the future.