

Title: Ambassadors for Christ
Text: 2 Corinthians 5.20-21
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For Further Study

1. Read Philippians 3. What was Paul's reputation and pride before becoming an ambassador for Christ? What defined your reputation and pride before becoming an ambassador for Christ? Write these down and ask God to help you count these things to be "loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus."
2. Read Luke 14:25-35. If you would like to be Christ's disciple and ambassador, are you willing to give the respect, loyalty, and allegiance to Jesus Christ over every other family or group you identify with? If you already are Christ's disciple and ambassador, in what ways do you struggle to maintain your relationship with Christ over all other relationships? Confess and share with someone about this. Pray together for God's help in this.
3. Read Paul's reconciliation with God in Acts 9. Paul was persecuting ambassadors for Christ, who were serving and spreading the gospel on behalf of Christ, yet notice who is Paul persecuting according to Jesus? How does this change how you will face persecution from your families, your school, and/or your workplace, when we choose to identify with and act as ambassadors for Christ?
4. Read John 15:19-20 and John 17:14-15. Jesus clearly prophesied these things about ambassadors for Christ. What persecutions do you currently face because of your identity as an ambassador for Christ? Go to www.persecution.com to read stories of fellow ambassadors for Christ around the world who have been persecuted. Pray for these persecuted ambassadors in Hong Kong, China, and around the world.
5. Continue to read the verses that follow Sunday's text: 2 Corinthians 6:1 - 7:1. This is Paul's message for the Corinthians living in an immoral culture, and Paul's message to us living in the immoral culture of Hong Kong. Make time to memorise 2 Corinthians 6:16-18. Make time each morning to recite and reflect on these verses this week.