

JESUS WENT

...TO THE WORLD

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

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"I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3 (NLT)

2. Ambassadors are being _____ in the way they think.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Romans 12:2a (NLT)

3. Ambassadors pursue a _____.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

4. Ambassadors answer the call to _____.

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1. Ambassadors have experienced SALVATION.

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WEEK 8
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

Have you ever been in a situation where you were an ambassador? What was that like? Share your experience with the group.

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. How do you feel about being His ambassador? Do you feel a sense of pressure or fear representing Jesus to the world? What are the ups and downs of the mission? What tools do we have that might help us be the best ambassador we can be?

Ambassadors are continually being transformed in the way they think. Why is a changed mind so crucial to the mission? What are the biggest challenges in thinking the way Christ thinks?

Read Psalm 51:1-10. Let's talk about desiring a pure heart. Being pure in heart involves having a singleness of heart toward God. What does that mean and how do we go about achieving that?

Read Matthew 28:18-20. Verse 19 says "Therefore GO and make disciples of all the nations". What does the word GO mean to you? How do we fulfill the mission to GO?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

First: Take an inventory of the way that you are currently living your life. Does it look like the life of an ambassador? If not, what needs to change? Pray that God will help you in these areas.

Second: Who in your life right now is God calling you to be an ambassador to this week? Is it a family member, a friend or co-worker? Pray that God will give you opportunity's to represent Him to this person this week.