

Scott's Thoughts

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“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:20, ESV)

Many years ago, I took a course in personal evangelism. At that time, the class I enrolled in was called “Fishers of Men.” This was not a short seminar full of short, easily memorized phrases. It consisted of daily Bible study over an eleven-week period and it empowered many people to teach the Gospel message to those around them.

I felt it was a great course just as it was presented to me, however, as with all things, someone put his hands on another person’s work and felt it could be made better. The problem was that even though they were the original developers, those who wanted to change it did not have the copyright to the class material. Those who funded their work held the copyright. So, the two parties worked out a compromise. The original developers of the material got to keep the name “Fishers of Men” and the right to use and expand the material. The owners of the copyright had to find a new name. But it was not as easy as one might think to rename study material. The name needed to reflect the purpose of the study and also be biblically correct. After one or two attempts failed because those titles had already been copyrighted the title “Christ Ambassadors” was chosen and it is a really good choice.

We seldom hear anything about ambassadors unless there is trouble between two countries. What is

an ambassador? In our world, an ambassador is a government official who lives in a foreign country and represents the nation he is from before the government of the country he is living in. But no one can become an ambassador of their own will, there is a higher power that sends them on a mission. Ambassadors must be completely committed to those who sent them. They have access to the highest levels of government but are not diplomats. Ambassadors have authority, but it is an authority that is given to them and is limited by the one who granted the authority. The ambassador can use that authority up to the limit but not beyond. If ambassadors begin to function outside of the authority given to them, they can be recalled at any moment if they have to answer some tough questions about their conduct.

Keeping all this in mind, as ambassadors for Christ we must stop and examine ourselves as we sit down with someone to start a home Bible study. Have we prepared completely? Do we know the limits God has set for us? Are we ready to represent God not ourselves?

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:18–20, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott