

Ambassador - Step 3

- **Read 1 John 2:13-14.** When the passage talks about “Fathers,” it refers to people rooted in their faith, who know God deeply and intentionally pass that knowledge on to the next generation. They live as ambassadors for Jesus. **What characteristics are given about these “Fathers?”**

In this step, you might be characterized by:

- **Deep Mentorship** - The Ambassador’s main role in life is not to represent themselves to others, but to represent the One who sent them and to help others know and trust that One. Like all humanity, Ambassadors will struggle with sin, but their focus in life is more on God and on walking in surrender to Him. They have habits and disciplines of relying on God’s grace to deal with their sin, and they have the capacity/maturity to help other willing people to develop the habits and disciplines of relying on God’s grace.
- **Church Worship** - You are mindful of others in your worship. You sacrifice what you want in church to help others worship. You are leading by example or in a leadership capacity.
- **Community** - You are involved in community groups, maybe leading one, and you also provide one-on-one mentorship. You orient your life around discipleship rather than making it a task on your calendar.
- **Equip** - You are growing in your theology (the study of God, His character, and His ways) and equipping others in a mentoring way. You don’t just pass on info about God as a task; you pass it along because it’s who you are.
- **Serve** - You are serving alongside others and finding ways to empower others to serve.
- **Outreach** - You view your life as if it is God’s and you live on His mission. You have regular gospel conversations with those around you.
- **Prayer Life** - Your prayer life has expanded to focus on seeing others come to Christ.
- **What you might struggle with or need to overcome** - Fear. You realize that to be an ambassador, you have to go “all in” on Jesus. It can be frightening to lose control of your life, but to gain the life Jesus has for you, you have to trust him with each moment. He sets the agenda for your life, and you are learning to trust him instead of giving in to the fear of controlling your own life.

Questions for the Ambassador:

- **Which of these characteristics characterizes you?**
- **Where do you feel like you could take another step in your spiritual development?**

Next Steps for the Ambassador

- **Church Worship**- You come to church to receive from the Bible, but also to encourage others. You are mindful of what they need so you sacrifice your preferences for church so others can grow. You step up and lead in the life of the church.
 - **Community** - You are leading community groups or involved in intentional 1-on-1 discipleship relationships within the church circle . To learn more about how to disciple 1-on-1, read the book *The Simplicity of Disciple-Making* by Rob Fisher
 - **Equip** - Take steps to grow in your theology and understanding of God. Find great resources at desiringgod.org or thegospelcoalition.org. You can also see video resources on RightNow Media. Sign up for RightNow Media at the QR Code.
 - **Serve** - You are leading a serving team and using your gifts outside of church for gospel purposes.
 - **Outreach** - You can identify what stage of development investigators are in and can apply our outreach strategy of “care, love, share” to their situation. You can regularly pray for the lost and you are actively sharing the gospel with “your one person.” You can open your home and life to that person so they can experience Gospel witness.
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- **Which next step is most appealing to you? Why?**

 - **What would keep you from taking that next step? Will you?**