

HANDCRAFTED

ICEBREAKER

What was the biggest success you had at work, school, or home this week?

SCRIPTURE

- **2 Corinthians 5:11-21** - Diplomatic Mission
- **John 17:13-19** - The Home Country
- **John 18:36** - Jesus is royalty

SUMMARY

How you live represents **something**. What you say, what you do, and how you act communicates to the world what you believe and what you value.

BEFORE YOU MEET

- Read the scripture reference(s) and the discussion topics.
- Pray for your meeting and group.
- Be the first to smile!

AS YOU CLOSE

- Remind people to pray
- Update the prayer journal
- Give praise reports and updates
- Follow up with your group midweek

DISCUSSION

Some example questions for this week:

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

- In verse 16, Paul makes a huge statement about how we are to treat and think of others. Do you find that challenging?
- How do you feel about being an ambassador to Heaven?

John 17:13-19

Jesus is praying to the Father for his disciples before he is arrested.

- Why do you think Jesus points out that His disciples are not of this world?
- Why would Jesus ask God protect us instead of simply taking us to Heaven?

It can be really easy for us to hide in a group (even if it's small). This week, let's stretch our discomfort muscles.

Jesus, who is our king, has a mission for us to represent truth to the world which so desperately needs it. But to be an ambassador, you need to know about, look, act, and be someone from where you represent. Basically live like your country of origin.

- Based on how you live (act, speak, look, etc.) what would the world say you believe in and value?
- What do you believe in and value?
- Do you think you are doing a good job or a poor job as an ambassador? Why?

All of us fall short and it's time to be honest. If we want to be the people we see ourselves as in **2024** and to really believe that we are **Handcrafted-by-God**, then we need to ask ourselves, "What needs to change?"

- What habit do you need to "put down" in order to live like an ambassador of Heaven?
- What habit do you need to "pick up" in order to live like an ambassador of Heaven?

Now it's time for community involvement.

- If they're willing, each member should give permission to the group to ask how things are going. Without accountability it can be very difficult (or impossible!) to experience the changes we desire.