



## YEAR 3—The God Who Pursues Relationship: A Story of God's People

### Module 4: God Leads His People

#### Communal Experience: Ambassadors

### EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTION

This module focused on how God leads people. Lesson 6 specifically talked about God's desire for us to accept the salvation He offers through His Son Jesus Christ. God not only offers salvation to us, but through the Holy Spirit leads people toward a relationship with Him. God is working to prepare the heart of the non-believer to respond to the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit convicts a person of sin, shows this person his or her need for a Savior, and compels the person toward repentance. That is, through grace, God makes His presence known to those who are in sin.

Sin puts a barrier between us and God. God, through Jesus Christ, moves and works to bring reconciliation between God and humankind. Just as Christ's death was God's way of reconciling us to himself, those who are followers of God have been given the "ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18). That is, we are to be "Christ's ambassadors as though God were making his appeal through us" (v. 20), pointing people to Christ and sharing the good news with others. In other words, we are to be representatives of Christ in our world through our words and actions.

This communal experience will help group members experience being an ambassador for Christ in their world.

### EXPERIENCE DIRECTIONS

Bring your group together. Share with your group that an ambassador is "an authorized representative or messenger"<sup>1</sup> and that we are called to be ambassadors of Christ in our world. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Invite your group to divide up into pairs. Ask each pair discuss what they believe it means to be Christ's ambassador in their world. Then, ask each person to think about and decide on one way, in the upcoming week, that he or she will represent Christ to someone else and have him or her share this with his or her partner.

Share with the group that each pair is to act as an accountability partner for the other. During the week each person is to call the other to see how his or her partner is doing. Then, have each pair set a time at the end of the week to meet and discuss how each did in being an ambassador of Christ.

You may consider having group members share how this experience went at your next meeting.

1. <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ambassador>. Accessed February 12, 2013.