



SERMON DISCUSSION PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

Thinking Like An Ambassador | Dave Cover | October 25, 2026

Workbook Review

- What stood out to you as you thought about *Resist Mission Drift* this week?
- What is something you would like to live out going forward?

Opening Question: If you were assigned to be an ambassador to a foreign country, what would be hard about that life? What would be exciting?

Sermon Discussion

1. Dave opened with *The Truman Show*, where everything in Truman's world was built around him. In what ways do we build "all-about-me" worlds? Why is a world built around you always a small world?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2. Dave said that when Christ died, the all-about-me life died with him. What does it mean that Jesus died to free us from living for ourselves? How does his love "compel" us?
3. Arthur Brooks said that we find meaning by looking less at ourselves, transcending upward (worship) and outward (serving others). Where have you experienced this to be true?

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (NIV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ 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.

4. Dave pointed out that "not counting" is bookkeeping language: God isn't charging our sins to our account but to Jesus on the cross. Why do we tend to keep a list of our sins and failures? What would change if you really believed God isn't keeping that list?

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

²⁰ 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.

5. Dave said, “You were reconciled to be a reconciler,” but also that “an ambassador can only carry a reconciliation that they experience themselves.” Why is it hard to represent someone you feel far from?
6. What would it look like to “think like an ambassador”?

2 Corinthians 6:1 (NIV)

¹As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain.

7. Dave asked, “What fears keep you from thinking like an ambassador?” How does knowing we are God’s co-workers help us walk out the door of our all-about-me world, like Truman did?

Sharing and Prayer

- Have everyone share one person or place where God has placed them as his ambassador, and one fear that holds them back there.
- Split into pairs (men with men, women with women). Pray for each other by name, asking God to replace that fear with courage and love, and pray specifically for the person your partner named.
- Come back together and have the leader close by thanking God that he isn’t counting our sins against us, and asking that each person would walk into this week thinking like an ambassador.

What to Do for Next Time

- After the next sermon on 11/1, think through the article and worksheet “How to Honor God with Your Wallet” before our next meeting.
- It can be found at this link: <https://info.thecrossingchurch.com/fall-2026-sermon-discussion>