



## 6. So how are we supposed to love the world?

### A. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ the world!

- The creation declares God's glory (Ps. 19:1).
- Creation is God's gift (1 Tim. 4:4-5).

### B. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ the world!

- God has given us a "creation mandate" to be fruitful and multiply (Gen. 1:26-31; also 9:1).
- Everything we do – including our school, work, relationships, leisure, *everything* – is to be done for God's glory (1 Cor. 10:31)

### C. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ the world!

- All Christians are called to be God's witnesses (Acts 8:1-4, 11:19-21).
- Our words are witnesses to God's word, and how we live impacts our witness (Matt. 5:13-16).

## 7. The Biblical metaphor for being in the world but not of the world: we are *ambassadors* of Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:16-21). So what?

A. Ambassadors are public people. They know their actions can discredit their message. So they act in ways to give credit and weight to the message they carry. **What does this mean for us?**

B. Ambassadors avoid disqualifications. Certain things can disqualify an ambassador (for example, if the ambassador joins a foreign power). **What does this mean for us?**

C. Every ambassador, at some time, must deliver hard words: issue warnings, defend actions, give understanding. He or she cannot alter or refuse to relay the message. **What does this mean for us?**

D. An ambassador must be diplomatic. It's not just what we say but how we say it. **What does this mean for us?**

## 8. How do you struggle to be an ambassador for Jesus? Do you love the world in wrong ways? Do you fail to love the world at all? How does this affect your availability to share the good news of Jesus?