

## RCMI L-Path Teaching

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TITLE: THE HIGH CALLING: Called To Be Christ's Ambassadors **Ang Pinakamataas na Panawagan: Maging Sugo ni Kristo**

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:19b -20, others as specified

B.I.: We are called to be Christ's ambassadors that will represent and reflect our King Jesus and His Kingdom here on earth; empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring about change.

**Tayo ay tinawag upang maging sugo ni Kristo, mga kakatawan kay Hesus at sa Kanyang kaharian dito sa lupa, kinasihan ng Banal na Espiritu upang magdala ng pagbabago.**

INTRO:

- October series: **Called To Lead Tinawag upang Manguna**
- Big Idea: The series explores key principles in Christian leadership, keeping in mind that all Christians are called to be leaders in various spheres of life. **Ang aralin na ito ay nagsisiyasat sa mga mahalagang prinsipyo ng maka Diyos na pamumuno, kung saan ang lahat ng Kristiyano ay tinawag upang manguna sa ibat ibang aspeto ng buhay.**
- "We are anointed for our assignment on earth because the anointed King lives in us--He is fulfilling His will through us." — E.N. Supen, Kingdom Lifestyle Quotes **Tayo ay hinirang para sa ating mga dapat gawin dito sa lupa dahil ang tunay na Hari ay nasa atin - tinutupad Niya ang Kanyang layunin sa pamamagitan natin.**
- The responsibility of leading others and reflecting Christ is placed on the shoulders of every Christian who is also empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring about change. **Ang responsibilidad para manguna sa iba at isalamin si Kristo ay nasa balik ng bawat Kristiyano na binigyan din ng kapangyarihan ng Banal na Espiritu upang magdala ng pagbabago.**
- Today, I want this church to claim **THE HIGH CALLING**. We are all **called to be Christ's ambassadors**. Ngayon, nais ko na ariin ng iglesia na ito ang pinakamataas na panawagan. **Tayo ay hinirang upang maging sugo ni Kristo.**
- There are two things I want to share about The High Calling: The Man and The Mission **Dalawang bagay ang nais kong ibahagi patungkol sa tao at sa kanyang misyon:**

### I. THE MAN **Ang Tao**

A. Believers As Ambassadors Of Christ [**Mananampalataya bilang sugo ni Kristo**]

- Everyone is given roles and responsibilities in life. As believers of Christ, we are all given the role as an ambassador of Christ. **Ang bawat isa ay binibigyan ng papel at responsibilidad sa buhay. Bilang mananampalataya, binigyan tayo ng papel bilang sugo ni Kristo.**
- Believer, regardless of your gender, you have a high-ranking, esteemed, celebrated, and influential job in the Kingdom of God. **Anuman ang iyong kasariaan, mayroon kang napaka ganda at napaka sikat na trabaho sa Kaharian ng Diyos.**
- You are so important to the Kingdom of God that all of Heaven is standing behind you, waiting to back you up, defend you, provide for you, help and assist you, and join forces with your actions of faith! **Mahalaga ka sa kaharian ng Diyos kung kayat ang buong kalangitan ay nasa likod mo, naghihintay na tulungan ka, ingatan ka, bigyan ka, tulungan ka, at samahan ka sa mga ginagawa mo dulot ng pananampalataya!**

B. Definition of An Ambassador [**Kahulugan ng isang sugo**]

- In both the New Testament and today's world, the word "ambassador" has the same meaning and is defined as: **Sa Bagong Tipan at sa mundo natin ngayon, ang salitang 'sugo' ay nangangahulugang:**
  - An envoy sent to represent a nation to a foreign land. **Isang taong napag-utusan at ipinadala ng isang bansa sa ibang lugar**
  - A diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign country to represent the king or country that sent him. **Isang ahente na may mataas na katungkulan na binigyan ng kapangyarihan sa ibang bansa upang maging kinatawan ng hari na nagpadala sa kanya.**

- A representative temporarily sent to a foreign country to represent the king or country that sent him. **Isang kinatawan na pansamandaling pinadala sa ibang bansa para maging representante ng hari.**
- An authorized messenger who has the power to make decisions and to represent the will of the government, nation, or king he represents. **Isang pinagkatiwalaang sugo na may kapangyarihan na magdesisyon ayon sa layunin ng pamahalaan, bansa, o hari na kanyang kinakatawan.**
- An official representative who is authorized to speak on behalf of his sender. **Isang opisyal na kinatawan na binigyan ng awtoridad na magsalita sa ngalan ng nagpadala sa kanya.**
- According to Paul's words in 2 Cor. 5:20, we are heavenly delegates – “ambassadors” who have been sent forth as Heaven's representatives to Earth! **Ayon kay Pablo, tayo ay mga delegado ng kalangitan - mga sugo na kumakatawan sa kalangitan dito sa lupa.**
  - As His representatives, we are authorized to speak and act on behalf of the Lord. **Tayo ay may karapatang magsalita at kumilos sa ngalan ng ating Panginoon.**
  - And, as Heaven's ambassadors, we are fully backed, fully funded, fully defended, and fully assisted by the authority and resources of Heaven! **Tayo ay inaayunan, pinupondohan, ipinaglalaban ng kapangyarihan at kayamanan ng kalangitan.**

### C. Our Calling To Be Ambassadors Of Christ **[Ang Ating Panawagan bilang Sugong ni Kristo]**

- Paul declares, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” [2 Cor. 5:17]
- The work of God in a sinner is so great that it's not just renovating the old, but the sinner has been made a new creation. **Ang ginagawa ng Diyos sa buhay ng isang makasalan ay dakila kung kaya't ito ay hindi lamang pagkumpuni ng luma, ngunit paggawa ng bagong nilalang.**
- The term “new creation” means the start of a new state of being. A new life filled with love for God, a desire to please Christ. A new life of being a willing servant to glorify Christ, a dedicated soldier in the Lord's Army, a wise steward in the household of God, the light and the salt of the earth. **Ang salitang 'bagong nilalang' ay nangangahulugang umpisa ng isang bagong pagkakilanlan. Isang bagong buhay na puno ng pag-ibig para sa Diyos, pagnanais na bigyang kasiyahan si Kristo. Bagong buhay na handang maglingkod upang parangalan si Kristo, isang tapat na sundalo sa hukbo ng Panginoon, maalam na taga pangasiwa, ilaw at asin ng mundo.**
- An ambassador is a man or woman radically changed by the power of God's effectual call and irresistible grace. Now let me tell you about our mission. **Ang sugo ay isang lalaki o babae na binago ng kapangyarihan ng panawagan at ng biyaya ng Diyos. Ngayon, hayaan niyong ilahad ko ang misyon natin...**

## II. THE MISSION **ANG MISYON**

**Our mission:** As an ambassador, Paul makes a simple, strong, direct plea: “We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.” [v.20b] **Bilang sugo, simple lang ang panawagan ni Pablo: Kami'y nakikiusap sa inyo alang-alang kay Cristo: makipagkasundo kayo sa Diyos.**

- As believers of Christ, we are all on a mission to bring the gospel to those who doesn't belong to God's Kingdom, the message of hope and reconciliation between sinner men to a Holy God. **Bilang mananampalataya ni Kristo, tayong lahat ay may misyon na dalin ang ebanghelyo sa lahat ng wala pa sa kaharian ng Diyos, maging tagapagdala ng pag-asa at pagkakasundo sa pagitan ng makasalan na tao at Diyos.**

### A. Called To **REPRESENT** Tinawag upang maging kinatawan

- Ambassadors are given authority to **represent** their government. An ambassador is a **REPRESENTATIVE** or one who represents another. **Ang mga sugo ay binibigyan ng awtoridad na kumatawan sa kanilang pamahalaan.**
- His position is one of great **RESPONSIBILITY**, so think of this in its spiritual significance. Christ is our representative in heaven (Hebrews 9:24) and we are His personal representatives on the earth (2 Corinthians 5:20). Ang posisyon na ito ay may kaakibat na katungkulan, kaya tingnan ito na may isang espirital na kahalagahan.

- When Jesus Christ sends us out we go with all the **RESOURCES** of heaven behind us. He is our sufficiency and we go in His Name. **Kapag tayo ay isinugo ni Kristo, dala natin ang kayamanan ng langit. Siya ay sapat sa atin at tayo ay isinugo sa Kanyang pangalan.**

**B. Called To REFLECT Tinawag upang isalamin.**

- We also learn that it's not only about giving the gospel but living by it too. **Mahalaga hindi lamang ang ibahagi ang ebanghelyo, kung hindi ang ipamuhay din ito.**
- Ambassadors reflect the nature of their government and they look like and act like where they are from. **Ang mga sugo ay sumasalamin sa klase ng pamahalaan na mayroon sila.**
- In every moment, you're representing Him and are a reflection of His Kingdom. So when it sinks in that you are an ambassador of Christ, be careful with how you carry yourself. You are a reflection of your government and so blessed is the one who hears and receives this message because what an honor it is to work for God! **Isinasalamin natin ang ating Panginoon at ang Kanyang Kaharian kung kayat dapit maging maingat tayo sa ating buhay. Tayo ang kumakatawan sa ating pamahalaan Isang karangalan na maging sugo tayo ng ating Panginoon!**
- When you are an ambassador of Christ, Jesus becomes your true boss and every job on earth is just another assignment. **Kapat tayo ay isang sugo ni Kristo, Siya na ang ating amo at ang bawat hanap buhay sa lupa ay parang isa lamang aralin mula sa Kanya.**

**CHALLENGE:** As Christians we have this High Calling as Christ's Ambassadors!

- J. Dwight Pentecost states in his book titled *Designed to Be Like Him*, "There can be no higher goal. There can be no higher ambition. There can be no higher purpose than that which the Word of God puts before us as the chief end of the child of God, to glorify God. The greatest goal in the believer's life is not his own enjoyment of his salvation. His highest goal is not learning the truths of Scripture, nor even teaching and preaching the Word. His greatest goal is to live Jesus Christ so that men may know the Father." **Wala na daw mas tataas pang layunin, ambisyon, dahilan, maliban sa salita ng Diyos. Ang pinaka dakilang layunin ng isang mananampalataya ay hindi ang sarap na dulot ng kanyang kaligtasan, hindi ang malaman lamang ang lahat ng katotohanan ng Salita, hindi ang pagtuturo ng Salita. Ang pinaka dakilang layunin nya ay ang mabuhay ng kagaya ni Hesus upang maipakilala ang Diyos Ama.**
- You are an ambassador of Christ called to serve your glorious King in this world of spiritual darkness and confusion. **Ikaw ay isang sugo ni Kristo at tinawag upang maglingkod sa Kanya.**
- Our calling is a high calling, for it comes directly from the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Have you taken full ownership of this high calling? **Ang ating panawagan ay isang mataas na panawagan dahil ito ay galing mismo sa Hari ng mga hari at Diyos ng mga diyos. Inari mo na ba ang panawagan mo?**

**DISCUSSION:**

- What have you learned today with regards to your calling? Share. **Ano ang natutunan mo patungkol sa panawagan mo? Ibahagi.**
- Given that you are called to represent Heaven here on Earth, how are you going to promote Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven at home, at work and in your community? [Share and give specific steps that you yourself will take.] **Paano mo ipapahayag si Hesus at ang Kanyang kaharian sa iyong tahanan, pinagtatrabahuhan, at sa iyong komunidad? Ibahagi mo ang tiyak na mga pamamaraan.**
- Given that part of your mission is to reflect Jesus Christ, can you say you're doing a good job with it? If not, do you resolve to be worthy as an ambassador of Christ? **Ginagawa mo ba ng maayos ang pagsasalamin kay Hesus sa ibang tao? Kung hindi, nais mo bang maging karapat dapa na sugot simula ngayon?**