

THE CHURCH out there

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What does it mean to be a Jesus Ambassador?
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"In the same way that you, Father, gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world."
John 17:18 (MSG)
2. I serve in a
I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.
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Discussion Questions

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