



Scripture presents the church as a people gathered under Christ's reign while living within a fallen world. Like an embassy representing a foreign kingdom, the church visibly displays the values, worship, truth, holiness, and mission of Christ's Kingdom before the nations.

## EARTHLY KINGDOMS VS CHRIST'S KINGDOM

EARTHLY KINGDOMS	CHRIST'S KINGDOM
Temporary	Eternal
Power Through Force	Power Through Truth
Political Supremacy	Faithful Witness
Self-Exaltation	Humble Service
Cultural Conformity	Holy Distinctiveness
Fear and Division	Peace Under Christ

## WHAT DOES AN EMBASSY DO?



## KEY SCRIPTURES



### Philippians 3:20

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."



### 2 Corinthians 5:20

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."



### 1 Peter 2:9-12

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."



### John 18:36

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews."



### Matthew 5:13-16

"Ye are the salt of the earth: ... Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

## HOW THE CHURCH REPRESENTS THE KINGDOM



## QUICK COMPARISON

ASPECT	EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM
Authority	Christ the King
Identity	Citizens of Heaven
Purpose	Represent Christ
Message	The Gospel
Community	Covenant people
Hope	Christ's coming Kingdom

## ★ KEY TRUTHS

- ✓ The church belongs to Christ's Kingdom.
- ✓ Christians live under Christ's authority.
- ✓ The church visibly represents the King.
- ✓ Holiness strengthens witness.
- ✓ Worship and mission belong together.
- ✓ The Gospel invites people into Christ's Kingdom.

## EMBASSY PICTURE



An embassy lives in a foreign land but represents its true King and Kingdom. The church lives in the world but represents Christ and His Kingdom.



## THE BOTTOM LINE

The church is not merely a religious institution within the world. It is Christ's gathered embassy — a covenant people living under His reign and visibly representing His Kingdom through worship, holiness, truth, fellowship, and faithful witness.



## TEACHER NOTE

Use this handout to help learners understand the church's identity and mission within the world. Emphasize that believers belong ultimately to Christ's Kingdom and are called to represent Him faithfully before the nations.