

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a


A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



Bob & Patsy Green | Hispanic Ministry

PRAISE - We had the great privilege of presenting the principles of the Word of God concerning “missions” to the Hispanics of the ministry in Winston Salem, North Carolina. After the A.M. service Pastor Rosario led a young man in his late twenties to faith in Christ. He had the blessing of baptizing the man in the evening service. Also a teenage girl came forward during the evening invitation to ask for prayer because she wants to serve the Lord.

PRAY - Our age is creeping up on us. Yet God continues being gracious in keeping us healthy. Please pray that our focus would continue being on doing what the Lord has for us while he has us here.

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GROWTH **DECLARE THE GOSPEL** **GUIDE**
1 CORINTHIANS 15:1

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Study: 07/18/21

Declare The Gospel!

If the past year and a half has been anything, it has been a season of declarations. Between public health mandates, the election, and wide-scale demonstrations, one declaration after another has dominated our social media streams, news reports, and even our daily conversations. In all of the noise, every declaration and every voice behind has attempted to capture attention and drive the narrative in their direction. But I want to propose that God’s people rededicate their energy and focus to the declaration of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With so many challenges in our society, it’s easy to become reactive. But God has called us to be proactive. He has given us a message that we must declare—the gospel. Within the New Testament, we see three ways that we can renew our passion for declaring the gospel.

In Word

The preaching and teaching of God’s Word has always been the cornerstone of Christian evangelism. As Paul asked in Romans 10:14, “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” In an age where churches are watering down the message of God’s Word, we must be vigilant to boldly declare the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Witness

The responsibility to declare the gospel does not rely solely on the preachers and teachers in the church; every member is responsible to share this life-changing truth. The reality is that the vast majority of lost people will not accidentally find their way into a church service. Often, even a personal invitation won’t be enough to bring someone under the sound of preaching. That is why God did not give the Great Commission to pastors only. Every Christian is responsible to obey Christ’s command: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

In Works

Nothing can open a door to share the gospel faster than humbly serving our neighbors. As Jesus told us in Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” By being willing to meet the needs of those around us, we can demonstrate Christ’s love to someone who may otherwise never hear the gospel. These serving opportunities will not happen by accident. We have to actively look for ways that we can show love to those we interact with. And we have to be purposeful in using those opportunities to actually share the gospel.

Source: “Declare The Gospel” by Paul Chappell

KEY VERSE

I Corinthians 15:1 (NKJV)

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I Corinthians 15:1-2; Mark 16:15; Psalm 96:3

Declare The Gospel Obediently

1. The article on the cover mentions the need for us to rededicate our energy and focus to the declaration of the Gospel. Do you find that you need to do this in your life?
2. The article mentions three ways in which you can declare the Gospel. Which are you doing and how?

Tuesday: I Corinthians 15:3a; Philippians 1:18; Romans 1:8-17

Declare The Gospel Primarily

3. How much of a priority in your life do you place on declaring the Gospel?
4. How can you help our church declare the Gospel?

Wednesday: I Corinthians 15: 3b -4; I Peter 2:24; John 11:25-26

Declare The Gospel Completely

5. According to today's readings, what is the Gospel?
6. What happens to the Gospel, when you leave out parts of it?

Thursday: I Corinthians 15:3-4; II Timothy 3:15; Galatians 1:6-9

Declare The Gospel Biblically

7. How can you tell the difference between the true Gospel and a false gospel?
8. What are some passages in the Bible that explain the Gospel?
9. Based upon today's readings, what warning does the Bible give against believing or preaching any Gospel?

Friday: I Corinthians 15:5-8; Acts 1:3; John 20:24-31

Declare The Gospel Confidently

10. Why did Jesus appear to his disciples after his resurrection?
11. Why are you confident in the Gospel? What evidence of its truth has God given you?
12. What are some steps you can take to renew your passion for sharing the Gospel?