

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

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PRAISE - This month we're restarting our mission and Manna feeding center in San Miguel Ameyalco (we have a team of 15 that go out there every Sunday afternoon), and we're also launching a new Manna feeding center in Zumpango. That'll give us six centers up and running and ministering to those in need. So thankful for all our volunteers who are helping us show the love of Christ to others.

PRAY - So excited about our two evangelistic camps this year, all buses have been taken by the 18 churches working with us, and their people are out looking for unbelievers to fill them. Thankful we were also able to add one more bus for each camp. I always like to push things to the limit. If all goes well, we could have over 600 at each camp. Pray that God will give us a spiritual revival!



Declare The Gospel By Going

Here are some to know about the Great Commission:

1. The commission is to make disciples.

First, disciple is a unique word which implies “more than a follower.” It refers to a student who learns from a mentor or a master teacher. It refers to a deeper, ongoing learning process.

Second, the call is to make “disciples,” not just “decisions.” We often talk about leading others to make a decision for Christ. And volitional decisions are crucial to beginning this journey of following and learning from Jesus. But leading others to make “decisions” without providing an orientation to the “disciple life” is both counterproductive to the kingdom and confusing to the supposed convert or confirmed.

2. The directive is “as you go.”

In the English translations, we emphasize more of an imperative to drop what you are doing and “go.” While some will be called to be pastors, evangelists and missionaries who veer from their career path to follow the call to vocation ministry, the overwhelming majority will engage in incarnational ministry through their chosen career path. In the Greek translation, there is more of a sense of sharing this good news “as you go.” In other words, we are to be engaged in the enterprise of disciple-making “as you go,” “wherever you go” and in “whatever you do.”

3. The mandate is communal.

This assignment is given to the group, not just to a single individual. Great Commission work is teamwork with significant individual contribution and overarching group cooperation. No one person fulfills the Great Commission alone, but rather by investing their best gifts in kingdom service. There are no insignificant tasks in working toward this mission.

In the local church, for example, team members include those who tend the nursery, sing in the choir or on the worship team, preach and teach, spend time in the prayer room, drive the bus and more. On the mission field, team members include those who make financial contributions, translate the language, plot logistics, teach life skills and articulate the story of the good news.

4. The scope of the mission is international.

Jesus charged the disciples to take the mission to all nations and ethnicities. Later, in Acts 1:8, Jesus elaborates further by extending the mission to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost regions of the earth.

Source: “5 things churchgoers need to know about the Great Commission” by Barry Howard

KEY VERSE

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I Corinthians 15:1-3; Romans 1:14-17; John 1:12-13

Possess The Gospel

1. Who shared the Gospel with you and helped you to understand? How did they help you?
2. Based upon today’s readings, how do people receive the Gospel?

Tuesday: Romans 10:11-14; I Corinthians 1:17; Psalm 96:1-3

Proclaim The Gospel

3. What does it mean to proclaim the Gospel? What do you need to tell some one in order to proclaim the Gospel?
4. How do you proclaim the Gospel in your life?

Wednesday: Romans 10:15-17; Matthew 9:35-38; Isaiah 65:1

The Need To Go

5. According to today’s readings, why do we need to go?
6. How do you “go” to those who need to hear about Jesus in your life?

Thursday: Matthew 28:19; Acts 13:2, 46-49; I Corinthians 6:19

Commanded to Go

7. We are commanded to go, but what are some reasons we don’t? What obstacles do we face?
8. What does it mean to be a disciple? In what ways are you growing as a disciple?
9. How are you involved in helping others to grow as disciples?

Friday: Matthew 28:20; Acts 1:8; 13:3-4; Mark 5:19-20

Empowered To Go

10. What is God’s role in missions?
11. How does God empower us for the mission He gives us?
12. How can we unite together to declare the Gospel by going?