

## 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:

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## 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** - We want to share with you the testimony of Tsubasa, who recently became a Japanese citizen as well as a citizen of heaven within a period of a few months. He was baptized on July 30 and shared his testimony at SCBC on August 15. We are so excited to be "running the race" with him!

**PRAY** - Pray for the salvation of Mr. Itou who has recently begun attending church with his wife and three children. He has been meeting with me weekly for the past month and he is beginning to understand the Gospel of Christ!

**PRAY** - Continue to pray for other men that have started attending our church in recent months and are showing an interest in learning more about Jesus Christ.

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## Happy Are The Sad

I remember an incident many years ago when a man in our church fell while taking a shower. As he slipped on the slick floor, he fell against a sheet of glass with all his weight. The splintering glass stabbed deeply into his arm at and around his biceps. Blood spurted all over the bathroom. Paramedics arrived quickly with lights flashing, sirens screaming, and the "squawk box" blaring from within the cab. The man was placed on a stretcher as the family hurriedly raced against time to get him to the emergency ward nearby. Thankfully, his life was saved, and he has fully recovered.

As I spoke with his wife about the ordeal, she told me not one neighbor even looked out his door, not to mention stopped by to see if they needed help. Not one . . . then or later! They showed no compassion by their lack of "mutual mourning."

How unlike our Savior! We are told, "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). True servants are like their Lord—compassionate.

In recording Christ's words, "Blessed are those who mourn" (Matthew 5:4), Matthew chose the strongest Greek term in all his vocabulary when he wrote, "mourn." It is a heavy word—a passionate lament on behalf of one who was loved with profound devotion. The term conveys the sorrow of a broken heart, the ache of soul, the anguish of mind. It could include several scenes:

- Mourning over wrong in the world
- Mourning over personal loss
- Mourning over one's own wrong and sinfulness
- Mourning over the death of someone close

Interestingly, this particular term also includes compassion, a sincere caring for others. Perhaps a satisfactory paraphrase could read, "How happy are those who care intensely for the hurts and sorrows and losses of others." At the heart of this character trait is compassion.

And the promise for "those who mourn"? The Savior promises, "they shall be comforted" (5:4). In return for the compassionate mourning they have given, comfort will be theirs to claim. I find it significant that no mention is made of the source or the channel. Simply, it will come. Perhaps from the same one the servant cared for back when there was a need.

It is axiomatic but true—there can be little comfort where there has been no grief.

Source: "A Promise For Those Who Mourn" by Chuck Swindoll

## KEY VERSE

Matthew 5:4 (NKJV)

*“Blessed are those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.”*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Matthew 5:4**

### Introduction

1. What are some things in your life that you have mourned over?
2. How has God blessed you through your times of mourning?

**Tuesday: Psalm 32:1-5; II Corinthians 7:10; James 4:8-10**

### Receive Jesus Christ As Your Savior And Lord

3. How can someone receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior? How is mourning different for those who know Jesus than mourning for those who do not?
4. How often do you mourn over your sin? How does the Gospel help us in our mourning?

**Wednesday: Psalm 34:18; Job 23:10; I Peter 5:7**

### Realize God Is With You

5. What did you learn about God’s nearness to us during our times of mourning from today’s readings?
6. The Lord promises to be near to the brokenhearted. Describe a time in your life when you have felt His presence in your mourning.

**Thursday: Psalm 55:22; Romans 12:19; Isa. 43:18-19; Heb. 12:15**

### Release Your Hurt

7. Why is it important to release your hurt to the Lord?
8. When you are hurting, do you replay events or episodes in your mind over and over again? Why is it an important not to rehearse our hurts?
9. One common issue that can arise when we are mourning is bitterness. How can you keep bitterness from finding a place in your life?

**Friday: Psalm 147:3, 119:52; I Thess. 5:11; John 14:16-17**

### Rely On God’s Resources

10. Based on today’s readings, what are some resources God has provided to help heal your heart when it is broken?
11. Describe a time when God used the Bible to heal your broken heart.
12. Describe a time when God used other people to heal your broken heart.