

## 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

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### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



Charles & Jurdlean Strong | Mexico

**PRAISE** - In Rio Bravo, the city council has given permission to open the churches! However, they have many rules. We had our first service in the building this week, praise the Lord!

**PRAY** - Charles has back surgery scheduled for the end of May. Please pray it will be successful as we have much to do for the Lord!

**PRAY** - The churches in Veracruz are still online only. Pray they can return in person soon.



Handout: 06/27/21

Study: 07/04/21

## Mid-Year Spiritual Checkup

It’s hard to believe that almost ½ of the year is now gone. Rather than worry about days past, though, let’s focus on preparing for the rest of the year. Use this list as a spiritual checkup to evaluate your walk,.

**Are you reading the Bible daily?** If you adopted an annual reading plan at the beginning of the year, is your reading up to date? If you did not adopt a plan in January, pick a strategy for rest of the year.

**Are you praying daily?** Are you praying regularly and recurrently (1 Thess. 5:17)? Do you pray for those in authority, including government and church leaders (1 Tim. 2:2)? Are you praying by name for other believers to speak the gospel boldly and clearly (Eph. 6:18-20)? Do you pray for your enemies (Matt. 5:44)?

**How often have you shared the gospel this year?** Is the gospel so striking to you that you cannot keep it to yourself? Have you reached beyond the church world to develop gospel-centered relationships with unbelievers? For what non-believers are you praying as Paul did (Rom. 10:1)? Ask God to increase your burden for lost people (Rom. 9:1-3) throughout the remainder of this year.

**Are you faithfully fighting sin in your life?** Be honest – have you experienced victory over sin this year? Is there a sin that continually haunts you even though you’ve sought to overcome it? If so, what steps do you still need to take this year? Confess that sin to someone? Seek accountability? Simply repent?

**Are you serving faithfully in a local church?** The church is much more than a place to attend; it is a family that loves us and provokes us to good works (Heb. 10:24). Through the first half of the year, have you used your spiritual gifts as a member of a local body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:1-11, 1 Pet. 4:10)? Are you supporting His work financially?

**Who is walking more with God because of your influence this year?** That is, are you making disciples? Have you purposefully pointed away from self to direct others to follow the Son of God (John 1:29)? Or, to ask the question in the negative, is there anyone who walks less with God today because of your example and influence this year?

**What steps have you taken to spread the gospel to the nations?** The Great Commission is a global calling (Matt. 28:18-20), even for those not called to go to the nations full-time. Have you intentionally studied about God’s work around the world this year? Are you praying for missionaries by name?

Source: Excerpt from “10 Questions For a Six-Month Spiritual Checkup” by Chuck Lawless

## KEY VERSE

II Corinthians 5:7

*“For we walk by faith, not by sight” NKJV*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: James 2:14-26; Romans 10:9-13; Acts 16:30-31**

**Are You Moving Forward With Faith That Saves?**

1. List some way in which your faith has helped you move forward this year.
2. List some people in your life who don't have saving faith. How are you helping them?

**Tuesday: Romans 4:20; Luke 9:23, 14:27; Hebrews 4:16, 11:6**

**Are You Moving Forward With Faith That Emboldens?**

3. How has your faith emboldened you this year? List bold steps that you have taken as a result of your faith.
4. What bold steps or leaps of faith might God be asking you take in the second half of 2021?

**Wednesday: I Thessalonians 1:1-10, 2:2; I Corinthians 3:6**

**Are You Moving Forward With Faith That Goes?**

5. Sketch a map of your street or neighborhood. Which neighbors know you are a follower of Jesus? Do the same exercise with your workplace.
6. Who are you praying for, investing in, and telling about Jesus? Who do you need to go to?

**Thursday: I Corinthians 1:9-17; Colossians 3:12-17**

**Are You Moving Forward With Faith That Unites?**

7. How have you demonstrated unity so far this year? What can you do to grow in unity?
8. Have you had conflict this year? How have you handled it?
9. How does our unity as a church impact our ability to preach Jesus effectively?

**Friday: Ephesians 4:13-16; Hebrews 5:12-14; I Peter 4:10-11**

**Are You Moving Forward With Faith That Grows?**

10. List people who have helped your faith to grow this year. How have they helped you?
11. How have you matured in your faith this year?
12. What gifts has God given you? How are you using them to strengthen and grow the body of Christ?