

BE A BRINGER

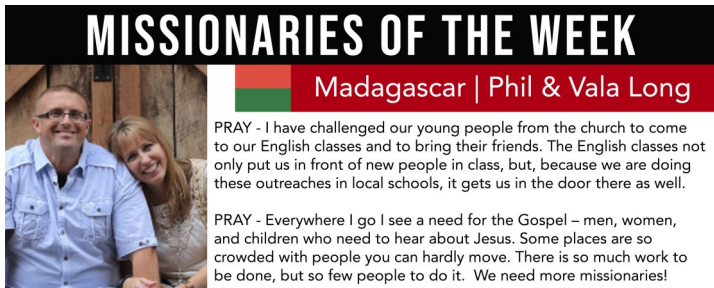
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

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

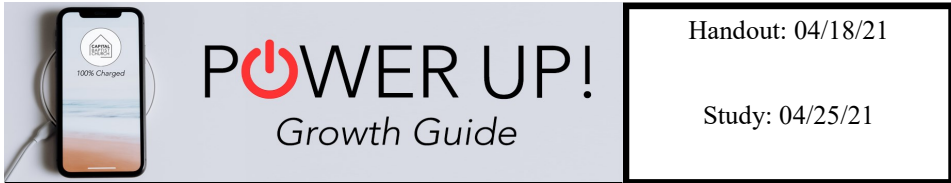


MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

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PRAY - I have challenged our young people from the church to come to our English classes and to bring their friends. The English classes not only put us in front of new people in class, but, because we are doing these outreaches in local schools, it gets us in the door there as well.

PRAY - Everywhere I go I see a need for the Gospel – men, women, and children who need to hear about Jesus. Some places are so crowded with people you can hardly move. There is so much work to be done, but so few people to do it. We need more missionaries!



POWER UP!
Growth Guide

Handout: 04/18/21

Study: 04/25/21

5G Coverage With Witnessing

8 reasons God desires all believers to share their faith.

First, as you witness, you bring glory to God. Jesus says in John 15:8, “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

Second, the love of Christ compels us to share our faith. In Paul’s words, “The love of Christ constrains us.” If you have experienced the love of the Lord Jesus, you will also want to introduce him to others.

Third, sharing your faith is a direct command from Jesus Christ. He says, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” And, “You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.”

Fourth, people without Christ are lost. Jesus says, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” The Word of God declares emphatically, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Fifth, God wants you to witness because of the benefits He offers to those who receive Christ. When you introduce others to Christ, they become children of God; their bodies become temples of God; all their sins are forgiven – past, present and future! They begin to experience the peace and love of God; they receive God’s direction and purpose for their lives; they experience the power of God to change their lives.

Sixth, God wants you to witness because of the benefits to those who witness. Witnessing stimulates your spiritual growth. Witnessing leads you to pray and to study God’s Word and encourages you to depend on Christ.

Seventh, God wants you to witness to experience the tremendous privilege and honor of representing Jesus to the world. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, “We are Christ’s ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you. We beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you – be reconciled to God.”

Most people consider it a high honor to serve as an ambassador for the head of their country – the president or king – but as a believer in Christ, you are an ambassador for the King of kings and the Lord of lords!

Eighth, God wants you to witness because the Holy Spirit has been given to provide the power for you to do so. Jesus says, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” To fail to witness for Christ is to deny the Holy Spirit His right to empower and to use you to introduce others to our Savior.

Source: “How You Can Introduce Others to Christ” by Bridges International

KEY VERSE

Luke 24:48 (NKJV)

“And you are witnesses of these things.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 24:46-49; Acts 4:18-20

How To Charge Up With Witnessing

1. The article on the cover suggests 8 reasons why God desires believers to witness. Which one speaks to you the most? Why?
2. What are some reasons why we as believers fail to have power in our witness?

Tuesday: Luke 24:46; I Peter 3:18; John 10:10; Isaiah 53

Know The Necessity Of Jesus' Sacrifice

3. Why was it necessary for Jesus to suffer and rise from the dead?
4. Why did people not understand the necessity of His sacrifice while it was occurring? Why do people still miss its importance today?

Wednesday: Luke 24:47a; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19, 4:12

Preach Repentance And Forgiveness In Jesus' Name

5. What is repentance and why is it required for forgiveness of sins?
6. Why is Acts 4:12 so unpopular with our culture? What is it about Jesus that makes Him the only way of salvation?

Thursday: Luke 24:47b-48; II Cor. 5:20; Romans 10:14-15a

Tell All People Groups The Gospel

7. What does it mean to be an ambassador? Who does an ambassador represent? What do they do?
8. What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ in your neighborhood and workplace?
9. Why is global missions important? What is your role in reaching the lost in other countries?

Friday: Luke 24:49; John 16:7-8; Acts 1:8; 4:31

Rely On The Power Of The Holy Spirit

10. How do you see the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?
11. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in you when you are sharing your faith? What can the Holy Spirit do for an unbeliever when you share your faith?
12. What is the difference between sharing your faith with your own abilities versus being empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel? How can the Holy Spirit give you power in your witness today?