

BE A BRINGER

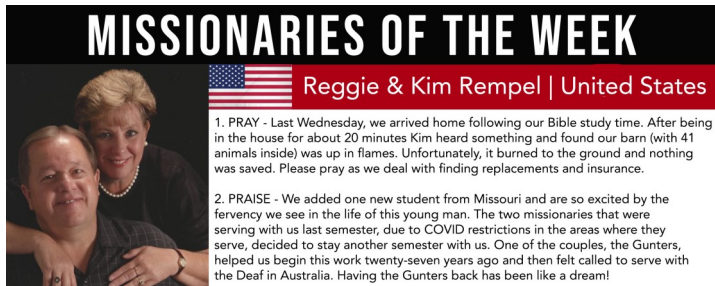
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

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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1. PRAY - Last Wednesday, we arrived home following our Bible study time. After being in the house for about 20 minutes Kim heard something and found our barn (with 41 animals inside) was up in flames. Unfortunately, it burned to the ground and nothing was saved. Please pray as we deal with finding replacements and insurance.

2. PRAISE - We added one new student from Missouri and are so excited by the fervency we see in the life of this young man. The two missionaries that were serving with us last semester, due to COVID restrictions in the areas where they serve, decided to stay another semester with us. One of the couples, the Gunters, helped us begin this work twenty-seven years ago and then felt called to serve with the Deaf in Australia. Having the Gunters back has been like a dream!



POWER UP!
Growth Guide

Handout: 04/25/21
Study: 05/02/21

Staying Connected With Worship

Worship isn’t simply an event or a place—it’s an orientation. It’s a way of life. It’s the result of our decision to exalt God above everything else. We realize and acknowledge that God is truly great and worthy of all praise.

One of the major benefits of worship is that when we draw near to God, He draws near to us. This is why worship is crucial to the life of a believer. If we don’t worship God on a regular basis, we won’t sense His closeness and we won’t know which way to turn when trouble comes. We won’t enjoy free, peace-filled lives because we won’t be in tune with His Spirit. Instead, we must learn how to walk each day in the light of His grace and unconditional love.

Israel learned the importance of worship in the desert, where they were prepared by God to enter the Promised Land. They carried the altar of God with them. When they stopped to make camp, they began by setting up the altar and the surrounding tent. They didn’t wait until the Sabbath to worship. They realized the importance of worshipping the One who held their lives fast within His hands.

Do you have this same attitude toward worship? God doesn’t need us, but we definitely need Him. The one place where you can learn the most about God’s infinite love and care for you is in times of worship.

Faith is at the heart of worship. In her classic daily devotional Streams in the Desert, Mrs. Charles E. Cowman records a story that focuses on giving God praise. The story is of a woman named Nancy who “earned a precarious living by hard daily labor; but who was a joyous triumphant Christian.”

One day, a gloomy friend said to her, “It is well enough to be happy now, but I should think the thought of your future would sober you. Only suppose, for instance, you should have a spell of sickness and are unable to work. Or suppose your present employer moves away and no one else gives you anything to do. Suppose . . .”

Nancy knew where the conversation was going and raised her hand to interrupt her friend. “Stop! I never use the word suppose. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I know that I shall not want. It is all your ‘supposing’ that is making you so miserable. You had better give them up and just trust the Lord.”

We worship God with our lives—not just with the songs we sing on Sunday morning, but with the way we live each day, including the way we greet others and talk about what God is doing in us. Instead of thinking about what could happen, enjoy the goodness of this day and worship God for His faithfulness.

Sources: “The Lifestyle Of Worship” and “Worship The Lord With Your Life” by Tony Evans

KEY VERSE

Luke 24:52 (NKJV)

“And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 24:50-51a; Psalm 122:1; Psalm 100

Know The Blessings From Worship

1. Why is God worthy of our worship? List some of your reasons.
2. What blessings do you receive from worshipping God.?

Tuesday: Luke 24:52; Hebrews 10:25; John 4:23; Psalm 84:1-4

Participate In The Gathering For Worship

3. Why is it important to regularly participate in corporate worship?
4. What blessings do you receive from corporate worship that you don't receive from your personal worship of God on your own?

Wednesday: Ephesians 5:19; Matthew 21:13; Malachi 3:10

Gathering Together For Worship

5. Today's readings highlight three of the activities that happen during our Sunday corporate worship. What are they?
6. Why are these three activities important? What is the benefit in participating in them with others?

Thursday: Romans 10:17; Psalm 139:23-24; I Peter 4:10

Gathering Together For Worship—Part 2

7. Today's readings highlight three more activities that happen during corporate worship. What are they?
8. Why are these three activities important? What is the benefit in participating in them with others?
9. What benefits are there to gathering regularly with a group of believers?

Friday: Luke 24:53; Romans 12:1; Mark 12:30; Psalm 116:12

Practice The Lifestyle Of Worship

10. What are some ways that you worship God outside of our Sunday corporate worship?
11. What does it mean to have a lifestyle of worship?
12. List some ways in which you are honoring God with your life. How do you demonstrate your love for Him by the way you live your life?