

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. PRAISE - We were able to share the gospel with some folks outside a housing shelter. We are not allowed in due to COVID, but a lady actually came out and started asking us questions because she recognized us from when we were there before the lockdown.

2. PRAY - We have to keep in contact with our church through phone, text, and bringing them food. We are only allowed out for essential shopping, doctors visits, and eye appointments. Churches are not allowed to meet. Please pray for us as we minister during this hard time.

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POWER UP!
Growth Guide

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Plug Into Jesus

Emmaus was a small village eight miles northwest of Jerusalem. The two men walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus were discouraged disciples who had no reason to be discouraged. They had heard the reports of the women that the tomb was empty and that Jesus was alive, but they did not believe them. They had hoped that Jesus would redeem Israel (Luke 24:21), but their hopes had been shattered. We get the impression that these men were discouraged and disappointed because God did not do what they wanted Him to do. They saw the glory of the kingdom, but they failed to understand the suffering.

Jesus graciously walked with them and listened to their conversation. No doubt they were quoting various Old Testament prophecies and trying to remember what Jesus had taught, but they were unable to put it all together and come up with an explanation that made sense. Was He a failure or a success? Why did He have to die? Was there a future for the nation?

There is a touch of humor in Luke 24:19 when Jesus asked, “What things?” He had been at the heart of all that had happened in Jerusalem, and now He was asking them to tell Him what occurred! How patient our Lord is with us as He listens to us tell Him what He already knows (Rom. 8:34). But we may come “boldly” to His throne and pour out our hearts to Him, and He will help us (Ps. 62:8; Heb. 4:16).

The longer Cleopas talked, the more he indicted himself and his friend for their unbelief. What more evidence could they want? Witnesses (including Apostles) had seen the tomb empty. Angels had announced that Jesus was alive. Witnesses had seen Him alive and heard Him speak. The proof was there!

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17, nkjv). This explains why Jesus opened the Word to these two men as the three of them walked to Emmaus. Their real problem was not in their heads but in their hearts (see Luke 24:25 and 32, and note v. 38). They could have discussed the subject for days and never arrived at a satisfactory answer. What they needed was a fresh understanding of the Word of God, and Jesus gave that understanding to them. He opened the Scriptures and then opened their eyes, and they realized that Jesus was not only alive but right there with them!

That was some Bible conference, and I wish I could have been there! Imagine the greatest Teacher explaining the greatest themes from the greatest Book and bringing the greatest blessings to men’s lives: eyes open to see Him, hearts open to receive the Word, and lips open to tell others what Jesus said to them!

Source: *Bible Exposition Commentary* by Warren Wiersbe

KEY VERSE

Luke 24:15 (NKJV)

So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 24:11-27; Isaiah 40:29

On The Road To Emmaus

1. How are you feeling spiritually? Can you relate to the disciples on the road to Emmaus?
2. How did the disciples feel after they encountered Jesus? Describe a time when an encounter with Jesus helped you receive power from God.

Tuesday: Luke 24:11, 16, 21; Romans 3:23, 6:23; I John 5:11-12

Know Why To Plug Into Jesus

3. What did Jesus help the disciples to overcome on the road to Emmaus?
4. What have you been able to overcome through your relationship with Jesus?

Wednesday: Luke 24:15, 17, 25-27; I Corinthians 15:1-4

Be Saved To Plug Into Jesus

5. What does one need to do to be saved and have a relationship with Jesus?
6. How have you experienced Jesus drawing near to you in your life?

Thursday: Luke 24:30,45; Philippians 4:6-7; Psalm 119:18

Increase Power After You Plug Into Jesus

7. What are some areas of your life where you feel like you are in need of more spiritual power?
8. How does prayer give power to your life?
9. How has a relationship with Jesus impacted your understanding of Scripture?

Friday: Luke 24:48,52; Acts 1:8; I Peter 1:8

Increase Power After You Plug Into Jesus Part II

10. How has your relationship with Jesus impacted your view of others? How does it empower your witnessing?
11. Describe a time when worship empowered you.
12. What is a key area where you need to experience God's power in your life? Pray for God to help you plug in and receive power from Him.