

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;....” 1 Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

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PRAISE - Here in Mexico City we continue to press on for the cause of Christ. Our services are growing in attendance once again at most of our churches and missions. This growth has come mainly because of the work of those who are inviting new people to our services. Unfortunately, we still have many that won't leave their homes. But we have a great remanent that's doing a tremendous job for our Lord.

PRAISE - Last month at our main church we saw 8 people receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and baptized 3 new believers. We also had a wedding with a packed house (thankfully we weren't shut down because of all the people that were there), and saw 5 souls call on Jesus to be saved.



POWER UP! Growth Guide

Handout 4/12

Study 4/18

Choose His Plan With The Bible

In order to choose His plan we must apply the biblical truth to new situations that may or may not be explicitly addressed in the Bible. The Bible does not tell you which person to marry, or which car to drive, or whether to own a home, where you take your vacation, what cell phone plan to buy, or which brand of orange juice to drink. Or a thousand other choices you must make.

“If you want to know the future details of God’s will of decree, you don’t want a renewed mind, you want a crystal ball.”

What is necessary is that we have a renewed mind, that is so shaped and so governed by the revealed will of God in the Bible, that we see and assess all relevant factors with the mind of Christ, and discern what God is calling us to do. This is very different from constantly trying to hear God’s voice saying do this and do that. People who try to lead their lives by hearing voices are not in sync with Romans 12:2.

There is a world of difference between praying and laboring for a renewed mind that discerns how to apply God’s word, on the one hand, and the habit of asking God to give you new revelation of what to do, on the other hand. Divination does not require transformation. God’s aim is a new mind, a new way of thinking and judging, not just new information. His aim is that we be transformed, sanctified, freed by the truth of his revealed word (John 8:32; 17:17). So an important aspect of God’s will is the discerning application of the Scriptures to new situations in life by means of a renewed mind.

Source: John Piper, *What Is the Will of God and How Do We Know It?*

KEY VERSE

Luke 24:45

And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 24:33-36; Lamentations 3:40; Acts 1:3

Back To Jerusalem

1. After Jesus' violent death, the Bible tells us the disciples disbursed. Why do you think that is? When hard things happen to us, what is our natural reaction?

2. Jesus often tells us to walk by faith, but in Acts 1:3, the Bible says he showed them many convincing proofs. Why do you think that is?

Tuesday: Luke 24:32-35; I John 5:20

Power Up With The Bible To Know God

3. The disciples eyes were finally opened to the fact that Jesus arose from the grave! Why do you think they initially doubted? Do you think they were relieved to see Jesus' return despite the fact that it meant a life of persecution?

4. How does Jesus give us understanding today? How can we use the Bible to grow closer to Jesus?

Wednesday: Luke 24:36-37; John 20:19

Power Up With The Bible To Find Comfort

5. Jesus says, "Peace be with you!" despite appearing as a "ghost" to them. Why do you think Jesus appears to them in this way?

6. The disciples were still frightened of the Jewish leaders. What made them to go from obvious fear to laying their lives down for God?

Thursday: Luke 24:38-43; Proverbs 3:26

Power Up With The Bible To Find Confidence

7. Jesus has literally shown them the scars on his hands and feet at this point, yet they still did not believe it. Why do you think God still uses these weak men?

8. In our Proverbs passage, the Bible tells us that we should keep the Lord as our confidence. What does this mean? How can we find confidence in someone who is not physically with us the way Jesus was with the disciples?

9. In Luke 24:42-43, Jesus took a piece of fish and ate with them. What is the significance of this?

Friday: Luke 24:44-45; John 17:17

Power Up With The Bible To Understand Truth

10. Jesus both had to open their minds as well as show them in the Bible. Why are both necessary? Can people come to know the true God just through reading? Can people come to know God just through a spiritual experience?

11. Today, many question the validity of the Bible. Yet in John 17:17, the Bible tells us that "His word is truth." How do we know we can trust the Bible in decision making today?

12. How have you found truth in the Bible over the years? How has it comforted you in times of need? How has it exhorted you in times of trouble?