

BE A BRINGER

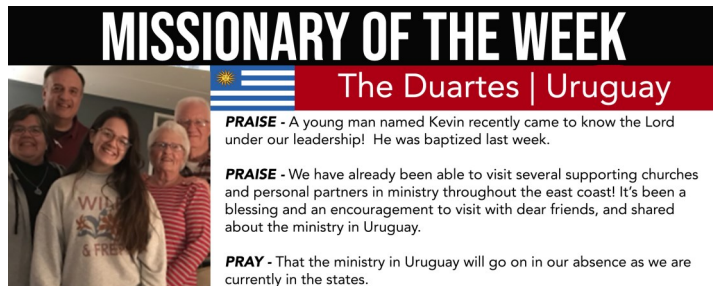
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

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



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
The Duartes | Uruguay

PRAISE - A young man named Kevin recently came to know the Lord under our leadership! He was baptized last week.

PRAISE - We have already been able to visit several supporting churches and personal partners in ministry throughout the east coast! It's been a blessing and an encouragement to visit with dear friends, and shared about the ministry in Uruguay.

PRAY - That the ministry in Uruguay will go on in our absence as we are currently in the states.



GROWTH **NEXT LEVEL** GUIDE

Handout: 01/23/22
Study: 01/30/22

Next Level Prayer

Jabez was not using prayer as a formula to get something from God, rather He was calling upon God to help him accomplish the promises of God! Let’s dive in and see how this Old Testament prayer can be applied today as we seek God’s provision and leading in our lives.

The Prayer of Jabez, 1 Chronicles 4:10

“Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.”

Meaning & Lessons of The Prayer of Jabez

1. The very first thing Scripture tells us about Jabez is that he cried to the God of Israel. Jabez states God’s lordship and headship over his life. When you pray, begin by acknowledging who God is!
2. “That you would bless me” Jabez not only recognizes God as the one and only true God, he also acknowledges that blessings come from God alone. Are you chasing broken promises and blessings that the world tries to entice you with? Are you striving toward prosperity on your own strength? When you pray, do it with a heart fully invested in the blessings of God.
3. “that you would multiply my territory” – Many think that Jabez is simply referring to physical land when asking to multiply territory. However, if we look at the lineage of Jabez we can understand that he is not merely speaking in terms of wealth and prosperity but in terms of impacting the kingdom of God. He wanted his spiritual territory to increase, to claim generations for the Lord of Israel. Do you need to claim or reclaim some of the land Satan has taken from you? When you pray, ask God to multiply your territory and to do more through you!
4. “your hand be with me” – Jabez wanted God to be in every moment of his day. He understood the power of God’s hand to protect and to lead in the right direction. Blessings will become curses if it is not God’s hand providing and guiding. When you pray, request more than blessings and provision but that God’s hand would lead you through any circumstances and trials that come your way. THAT is the greatest blessing.
5. “keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain” The name Jabez literally means “born with pain”. His own mother named him this because of the pain she endured in labor! When Jabez prays, he speaks against the testimony of his name and lets go of the shame it covered him in. When you pray, come to God vulnerable and ready for Him to turn your weakness into His glory.

Source: <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/the-prayer-of-jabez-5-inspiring-lessons.html>

KEY VERSE

I Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I Chronicles 4:1-10; James 1:17; Ephesians 3:20

Introduction

1. What words would you use to describe your prayer life?
2. Based upon today's scripture readings, what do we know about Jabez?

Tuesday: I Chronicles 4:10; Jeremiah 32:7, 33:3; Hebrews 4:16

Pray With Confidence

3. How does Jabez address God in his prayer? How was Jabez able to pray with confidence?
4. Why can believers today pray to God with confidence?

Wednesday: I Chronicles 4:10; Genesis 12:2, 32:26; Psalm 1:1-3

Pray For God's Blessing

5. What does it mean for God to bless you?
6. List some ways that God has already blessed you.

Thursday: I Chronicles 4:10; Joshua 14:12; James 1:5-7

Pray For Growth and Guidance

7. How did Jabez ask God for growth? What do you think he was asking for?
8. What are some areas of your life where you are asking God for growth? In what ways would you like to see God grow His kingdom?
9. What does it mean that Jabez asked for God's hand to be with him? In what areas are you asking for guidance?

Friday: I Chronicles 4:10; James 5:16; Jude 20; I John 3:22

Pray With Power

10. Jabez prayed with emotion. How do your emotions impact your prayer life? And how does your prayer life impact your emotions?
11. Jabez's prayer was effective. Why do you think God granted his request?
12. How can you take your prayer life to the next level?