

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 - Please pray as I begin ministry with football teams in the local area starting in August, and work to connect churches to the community. Pray as I need direction from God on what God’s vision is for FCA in Greater Fairfax, and as I work with more potential staff.

PRAISE - Considering all the challenges, the school year went well for Greater Fairfax FCA South. Our huddles at Annandale, Falls Church, Lewis, South County, and West Springfield all made it through the year, and are in a good position for next year!

Declare The Gospel By Evangelizing

Are you involved in authentic friendships, and sharing not only your faith but your life with at least one seeking friend? Are you radically identified with them? Or do you spend most of your time as part of a “Holy Huddle”?

Jesus was also radically different. Jesus was both fully human and fully divine. He was holy, and calls his people today to be holy as well. Jesus shows that to identify with others isn’t the same as being identical. If we are identical, our witness will be ineffective. But if we’re Christians, the gospel has made a radical difference to us—and our lives should show it!

So how do we demonstrate radical difference?

1. We display Christ’s love. One of the greatest detriments to outreach is when unbelievers can’t see God’s loving presence in us. We must look like the Christ we are proclaiming—both through acts of kindness on a personal level, and through our church communities. If people do not see practical evidence of the love of Christ, they will be reluctant to listen to the message we share.

2. We declare God’s truth. The good news is that God has broken into our silence. He has spoken through his Word—the living Christ. There is much talk today about our need to be cutting-edge and relevant. But as Simone Weil, the French philosopher, has said: “To be always relevant, you have to say things which are eternal.” In other words, true relevance lies in speaking eternal truths, because God’s truth transcends culture.

Here’s why declaring God’s truth will make us radically different: By and large, the world hasn’t a clue what Jesus was really like. Unbelievers don’t realize how radical, how beautiful, how extraordinary Jesus is. I’m a perfect example. I didn’t come from a religious home. But if I’d been asked what I thought of Jesus in my agnostic days, I would have said Jesus was nice, kind. The kind of person everyone loved but especially your grandmother...

Then one day I looked at the New Testament: Instead of a mild, meek man that I expected—I found a man of profound passion who said, I’ve come to set the earth on fire! Isn’t it a profound irony that the Son of God visited our planet and one of the chief complaints against him was that he wasn’t religious enough?! Do you realize the appeal Jesus will have to skeptics? He is irresistible!

People struggle to imagine a God who gets deeply involved in messy, needy lives. It’s our job to point them to the living Christ—to allow them to see the real radical Jesus who alone offers us the living water that quenches our thirst. To do that, we must both radically identify with them—but also live lives that show we believe in a Savior who is radically different.

Source: “How to do effective evangelism the way Jesus did” by Rebecca Manley Pippert

KEY VERSE

Acts 8:35 (NKJV)

“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 8:26-28; John 3:16-17; I Timothy 1:12-15

Tell Everyone

1. Who first told you about Jesus? How did they tell you?
2. Describe the Ethiopian man in today’s readings. How is he similar to you? How is he different? Who needs to hear the gospel?

Tuesday: Acts 8:29-30a; Acts 1:8; Acts 13:2-4

Obey The Holy Spirit

3. How obedient to the Holy Spirit are you?
4. How has He helped you in evangelism?

Wednesday: Acts 8:30b; Mark 8:27-29; Matthew 18:12

Ask Questions

5. What question did Phillip ask? Why is it important that we ask people questions?
6. List some questions that might be good to ask an unbelieving friend.

Thursday: Acts 8:31-34; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:130

Share Scripture

7. What role did scripture play in the salvation of the Ethiopian man?
8. Why is it important to use scripture when telling others about Jesus?
9. List Bible passages that you think are helpful when sharing about Jesus with others.

Friday: Acts 8:35; Romans 1:16, 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 10:13

Present Christ

10. Why does Jesus need to be at the center of our gospel presentation?
11. What information about Jesus is necessary to share?
12. What steps will you take to share Jesus with others this week?