

## 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

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### MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

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**PRAISE** - The week before Christmas Debbie and I had a Christmas party for the children from the orphanage. Someone donated the funds to provide Christmas gifts for them all. It was awesome to see the joy on their faces.

**PRAY** - We recently had a meal as well as a time of devotion on the Christmas story with the Rios family. They now live near the city of Querétaro. Karla, the older sibling is a missionary with Word of Life Mexico. Jesús is a Social worker at a hospital, and Alejandra is studying to be a nurse in the university. Their mother died of cancer in April after being diagnosed just two months earlier. Martha and her kids were saved in our ministry within a year of starting IBC in 2001.

GROWTH **NEXT LEVEL** GUIDE

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## Next Level Teamwork

While the word teamwork does not appear in the Bible, the Word of God does contain a lot of information about working together. Teamwork is evident in the societal structures of marriage, family, community, and business. Advice for daily living, conflict management, and related issues is available in Scripture; you just have to know where to look and how to apply the Bible’s principles of teamwork to today’s business or ministry model.

The most foundational team is the one created when someone accepts Christ as Lord and Savior. From that very instant, the newborn child of God is never alone (Hebrews 13:5). The believer has the advantage of being part of his own “God team,” with the benefits of the guidance of the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:27), the priestly provisions of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19–22), and the eternal love of a faithful Father (1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13).

We are designed to need God and each other. No one has all the skills, gifts, or wisdom necessary for a successful life. We are exhorted to use the gifts we receive—the talents and unique bents of our created nature, as well as our spiritual gifts—to serve one another with kindness, respect, and appreciation.

The first examples of teamwork found in the Bible are in the opening chapter of Genesis. There we find the Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, working in concert at creation (Genesis 1:1–3). Each member of the Godhead had a position to fill in the creation of the world; each One had a defined job to perform.

On the sixth day of creation, God fashioned Adam and Eve, the first human team. They were designed to complement each other and mirror the image and the community—the teamwork—of the Trinity (Genesis 1:26–27).

Ephesians 4:12 refers to the church—the community of believers—as the “body of Christ.” The church is to work as a team. First Corinthians 12:17–31 unpacks the idea of the church as a body in greater depth, using the systems of the human body as an analogy for the way team members need to rely on each other. Strong teams, just like strong bodies, are made up of interdependent members fulfilling defined tasks.

There is no jealousy in teamwork. When the whole team is working for the glory of God, there is no internal competition: “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow” (1 Corinthians 3:6). The unified team understands that reaching goals is God’s doing. And what God is doing requires teamwork on our part: “The sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor” (John 4:36–38).

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## KEY VERSE

I Corinthians 12:12 (NKJV)

*“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: I Corinthians 12:12-27; Colossians 1:15-22**

### Introduction

1. List the examples of teamwork mentioned in the article on the cover? What are some other examples of teamwork in scripture?
2. Teamwork can be difficult. What are some challenges to teamwork that you have experienced in your life?

**Tuesday: I Corinthians 12:12-14; John 17:20-26; Colossians 3:15**

### Oneness Of The Body

3. What do today’s scripture readings teach us about oneness in our church family and with other believers?
4. How do you contribute to oneness at CBC and with other believers?

**Wednesday: I Corinthians 12:15-20; Romans 12:3-5; Ecc. 4:9-12**

### The Need For Teamwork

5. Based on today’s readings, what is the importance of teamwork in the body of Christ?
6. In what ways do we need each other? In what ways do we belong to one another?

**Thursday: I Corinthians 12:21-25; Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3**

### The Value Of Teamwork

7. What do today’s readings teach us about the value of others in the body?
8. How do you show that you value others who are a different “body part” than you?
9. Based on our study so far, what are some positive attributes that are needed for Biblical teamwork?

**Friday: I Corinthians 12:26-27; Romans 12:15; I Peter 3:8**

### Ups And Downs Of Teamwork

10. Give an example of how a member could suffer. What does it mean to suffer with them?
11. Give an example of how a member could be honored . What does it mean to rejoice with them?
12. How can you take your teamwork to the next level?