

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 - Through COVID, we have learned new ways to reach out and get the gospel to our community. I have started a Bible Study through the book of Mark through WhatsApp that has been a success!
2. PRAY - We have moved both Indonesian and English services to online. My classes at the Bible School have been canceled. Please pray for all of our ministries that have been affected by the virus in our area.

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GROWTH GUIDE

DEEP PRAYERS

Handout: 09/13/20

Study: 09/20/20

Lord, Save Them!

God loves to save sinners like me, like you, and like those around us. God is the great evangelist. He is the Father who runs to prodigal children (Luke 15:11–32). His Son left glory to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). The Spirit gives power to God’s people to be witnesses of Jesus’s saving work (Acts 1:8). God desires none to perish, but for all to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:3–5).

Saving sinners is God’s delight, and it should be ours as well. But too often, we are fearful, shortsighted, and unmoved by the fact that billions of people are on their way to an eternal hell. We need God’s intervention to stir zeal in our hearts for evangelism.

Naturally, we see people according to the flesh. Nosy neighbors or gossiping co-workers can tempt us toward calloused indifference. But in Christ, we no longer see people with natural eyes (2 Corinthians 5:16). God’s Spirit enables us to see the people around us as immortal image bearers who will either live forever under God’s wrath in hell or forever in the joy of his presence (Matthew 25:46).

When was the last time you wept over someone’s salvation and labored in prayer over someone’s soul? I’m not trying to shame or manipulate you, but God’s people ought to be moved by the prospect of people heading toward eternal destruction. Jesus wept over a city filled with lost people, and Paul wept with “great sorrow and unceasing anguish in [his] heart” over the unbelief of his fellow Israelites (Romans 9:2–3). Plead with God to give you this same empathy.

Ask God to enlighten the eyes of your heart to see people from an eternal perspective. Ask him to give you the same compassion for the lost that Jesus felt when he looked upon the shepherdless crowds (Matthew 9:36). Ask him to help you see that Jesus suffered for sinners and desires for them to repent of their sin (John 3:16). These prayers renew passion to proclaim Christ to those who are perishing.

We have the honor and responsibility to proclaim the gospel, but only God can give people hearts to believe. So, pray for God to do it. Ask him to not let his word return void, but to raise the dead to life. Ask him to open the hearts of non-believers to receive the gospel. Ask him to remove the veil of unbelief that blinds them from seeing the glory of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4). Ask him to grant them repentance and free them from Satan’s snare (2 Timothy 2:24–26). Ask him to enable you to share in the joy of heaven by seeing a sinner repent (Luke 15:7, 10).

Source: “Lord, Help Me See Their Destiny” by Garrett Kell

KEY VERSE

Romans 10:1 (NKJV)

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Romans 10:1-4; 14-15; I Corinthians 9:19-23

Introduction

1. What is God’s role in saving people? What is our duty?
2. What are some reasons why we don’t always see people the way God does?

Tuesday: Romans 10:1a; Ephesians 2:14-22; Acts 2:41

Unite With Our Church Family

3. Romans 10:1 begins with the word “Brethren”. In what ways is our church a family?
4. What impact can our unity have on people coming to know Jesus?

Wednesday: Romans 10:1b; I Timothy 2:3-4; Romans 9:1-3

Desire To See People Saved

5. List things that you desire. Where on this list is your desire to see people saved?
6. Why do you think Paul had such a strong desire for Israel to be saved? How can we be more passionate about people who don’t know Jesus?

Thursday: Romans 10:1c; Acts 26:18; Luke 10:2

Pray For The Unsaved

7. What are some ways you can pray for people who don’t know Jesus?
8. List some unsaved people in your life. How often do you pray for them?
9. If you pray for the unsaved, how might God use you to answer your prayer?

Friday: Romans 10:2-4; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-15

Tell People How To Believe In Jesus

10. What must people do to be saved? How would you explain it to someone who has never been to church before?
11. What did Israel not understand about the gospel? Who in your life may not fully understand the gospel? How can you help them to understand?
12. Who can you invite to our church service (either in person or streaming) or to your Growth Group?