

## 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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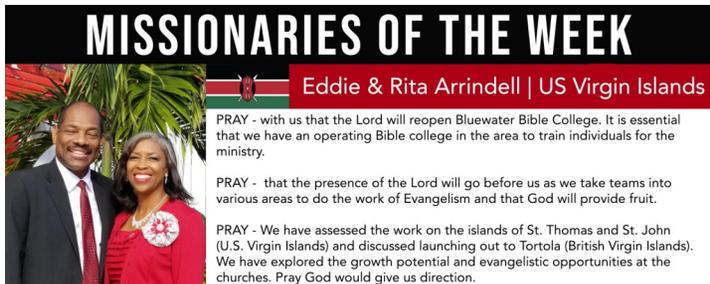
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**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**  
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PRAY - with us that the Lord will reopen Bluewater Bible College. It is essential that we have an operating Bible college in the area to train individuals for the ministry.

PRAY - that the presence of the Lord will go before us as we take teams into various areas to do the work of Evangelism and that God will provide fruit.

PRAY - We have assessed the work on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John (U.S. Virgin Islands) and discussed launching out to Tortola (British Virgin Islands). We have explored the growth potential and evangelistic opportunities at the churches. Pray God would give us direction.

## Guard Against False Teachers

### Beware of False Teaching

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.” II Peter 2:1

The Bible is full of warnings about false teachers who seek to spread erroneous teaching in order to deceive God’s people. Jesus himself warns us: “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves” (Matthew 7:15 NLT). Peter, too, warns of scoffers and false teachers coming in the last days to lead us astray from our faith in Christ and His truths (2 Peter 2:1).

These and other news reports about people distorting the person, works, and teaching of Christ is a timely reminder that false teachers and false teachings are not a thing of the past: they are still a real and present danger today.

It serves to remind me that I need to:

### 1. Examine what I hear and test it against Scripture.

That was what the people living in the city of Berea in Macedonia did. When the Apostle Paul shared the gospel with them, they received the message eagerly—but “examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true” (Acts 17:11). God’s Word is always consistent, for He will never contradict himself. The only way to ensure that we are receiving godly teaching is thus to check it against the Word of God. Is it in line with what the Bible says? Does it contradict the basic precepts of our faith?

### 2. Know that God would never want me to deceive to serve His purposes.

Doing this would be entirely uncharacteristic of God’s character. The one who would use lies and deceptions to achieve a goal is Satan, the father of lies. “When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44). As Christians, we can share God’s love and talk about Him and His Word openly. We do not need to resort to trickery or deception in sharing and teaching His Word, for His truth is for all, and it will convict people and transform lives by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8).

### 3. Handle God’s truth rightly.

2 Timothy 2:15 calls on us to “do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth”. This means we need to be found reading and meditating on God’s Word regularly (Joshua 1:8), and sharing it responsibly with others.

And if we are true and faithful disciples of Christ, we will also increasingly show the fruit of the Spirit in our words and actions. We will not be hearers of the Word only, but also doers (James 1:22) as we allow the Word of God to transform our lives. May God’s Word continue to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105).  
—C. H. Tan

## KEY VERSE

Jude 8 (NKJV)

*“Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.”*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Jude 1-25; Romans 14:7-8; Hebrews 13:7**

### Christians Are Under God’s Authority

1. Who do the saved belong to according to Romans 14:8?
2. Who are the saved told to remember in Hebrews 13:7?

**Tuesday: Jude 8-10; Matthew 7:15-20**

### False Teachers Reject God’s Authority

3. How do false teachers show their rejection of God’s authority according to Jude 8?
4. What are the five actions of a false teacher according to Jude 16?

**Wednesday: Jude 11; Genesis 4; Numbers 22-24; Numbers 16**

### Three Examples Of Rejecting God’s Authority

5. Who are the three examples Jude gives in Jude 11?
6. What did you learn about them in today's Bible readings?

**Thursday: Jude 8, 12-13; Psalm 1:2-3; Daniel 12:3**

### False Teachers Establish Their Own Authority

7. What sources do false teachers follow to establish their authority according to Jude 8a and 12a?
8. What are the four images Jude uses to describe the authority of false teachers according to Jude 12-13?
9. What does it mean to “*delight in the law of the Lord*” in Psalm 1:2?

**Friday: Jude 14-15; Genesis 5:18-21; Hebrews 11:5**

### False Teachers Will Be Judged For Opposing God’s Authority

10. Who was Enoch according to Genesis 5:18-21?
11. What did he prophecy according to Jude 14-15?
12. What word is repeated in Jude 15?