

## 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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**PRAY**  
Over the last several years we’ve faced many problems. The pandemic, mandates, restrictions, tight controls, NYC forcing us out of our last main place because the landlord could not, would not, or did not remove all of the violations in the building, and health issues have tried to wreak havoc on our spiritual walks. However, we ask you to praise God with us as we’re approaching this year with a fresh and greater determination to plant a Baptist church here in the Bronx. Although the 10 spies stumble in unbelief, faith says, “WE CAN.”

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## C.H.U.R.C.H. 7 Days Per Week

So what did the fledgling church do? Luke says the early church was known for four activities that should be foundational for every kingdom-minded local church.

First, there was devotion to the apostles’ teaching (Acts 2:42). The church was learning divine truth from God’s Word (only the Old Testament was written at this point, but in the years to come the apostles would be inspired by the Holy Spirit to write what would become the New Testament). You cannot grow beyond what you know. The teaching of the apostles was to give believers God’s perspective on every matter so that they could learn, obey, and experience spiritual growth and make kingdom impact.

Second, they devoted themselves to fellowship (2:42)—mutually sharing the life of Christ within the family of God. We are not to live as Lone Ranger Christians but to engage in the life of faith together. We are called to “love one another” (John 15:12), to “carry one another’s burdens” (Gal 6:2), to forgive one another (Eph 4:32), to “encourage one another” (1 Thess 5:11), and the list goes on. A disconnected Christian is a disobedient and unfruitful Christian. Each of us is an integral part of the body of Christ (see 1 Cor 12:12–26; Heb 10:23–25).

Third, the church regularly prioritized worship, reflected in the breaking of bread (i.e., Communion or the Lord’s Supper) and prayer (2:42). Worship is the recognition and celebration of who God is, what he has done, and what we are trusting him to do. The church is called to make a big deal about God because this is what he deserves.

Fourth, the church was clearly engaged in outreach because every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved (2:47). Everyone was involved in evangelism. They weren’t merely letting the apostles take care of it. All of the believers were living out their faith publicly (2:44–47). Such public love, devotion, joy, ministry, and testimony convinced unbelievers to trust in Jesus Christ.

As a result of these activities, everyone in the church was filled with awe and experiencing wonders and signs ... performed through the apostles (2:43). The Holy Spirit will cause amazing things to happen when the church is unified in its devotion to God and to its members in fulfillment of God’s kingdom program.

Source: The Tony Evans Bible Commentary

## KEY VERSE

Acts 2:47 (NKJV)

*“praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Acts 2:42-47; Romans 8:31-39; Colossians 3:1-3**

### Christ Centered

1. How did the church in Acts 2 demonstrate that they were centered on Christ?
2. How is Christ seen in you?

**Tuesday: Acts 2:39; Ephesians 2:13-22**

### Home Focused

3. Who in my home (near or far), needs Jesus now?
4. What challenges do you face in ministering to your family?

**Wednesday: Acts 1:11; John 14:1-6; Revelation 1:4-8**

### Unique

5. What makes Christians unique?
6. Why should you live a purposeful life?

**Thursday: Acts 2:46-47; Philippians 2:1-4; Romans 12:9-21**

### Relational

7. What do today's readings tell us about the need to be relational?
8. How connected do you feel with others? Why do you feel this way?
9. Is there anyone near me that I need to connect Christ with?

**Friday: Acts 2:44-46; I John 3:16-18; Ephesians 4:32**

### Community With A Heart

10. What do today's readings tell us about the need for community?
11. How do you participate in community at Capital Baptist?
12. What is my ministry through Capital Baptist? When is ministry most effectively felt?