

## 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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## What God Thinks About You and Your Work

Put on God’s glasses for a moment and look into the mirror. Imagine the view of the one who created you. He looks at you like a new father looks at his first child; like a new mother stares fascinated with her child’s little hands and feet. Picture God’s loving eyes staring back at you. Like a parent watching a toddler’s first steps, He sees you as He created you. You were beautifully conceived and perfectly formed. Exactly as He intended, you are unique and created for specific missions to love and care for others.

You have specific assignments in God’s log book. Today, He sent you to smile at the older lady waiting for the bus, to help the harried Mom with her hands full or to round up your elderly neighbor’s escaped Jack Russell terrier. He meant for you to care for and love those exact people that He put in your path. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Every morning when you leave your house for work, the Father puts people in your path who need just what the “redeemed” you can deliver.

Perhaps nothing indicates love more than willingness to spend time, emotions and resources on another. The God of the Universe not only came in human form, but He stoops down individually to woo each of us to Himself. He takes time to hear and accept our prayers of repentance. God listens to us each day, as we pray and include Him in our daily lives. That is a mind-blowing thought. The God of the universe gives us His attention and answers our prayers with His time, emotion and resources.

God’s love is a challenge to us. Can we look through the lens of love at our sin-sick world, at our troubled co-workers or our harsh boss? Leave on those goggles of love that you used to look at yourself in the morning. See below the surface of the amazing creatures that God has placed all around you. They are fully human, completely fallible. Yet a perfect being, fashioned them in His Likeness for a redeemed purpose. Can we show God’s supernatural Love, every day, in our actions and with our responses to each situation?

## KEY VERSE

*I John 4:9*

*“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him..” NKJV*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: 1 John 4:7-11**

### Introduction

1. Who in your life has modeled love to you?
2. What are some ways in which God demonstrates his love for us?

**Tuesday: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:8-15**

### God Designed Us to Work

3. How would you describe God’s actions in this passage?
4. What does it mean to be created in his image, especially when you think about work?
5. If you are retired or between jobs, what are some ways you can stay

**Wednesday: Philippians 4:19; II Thessalonians 3:6-12**

### God Gives Us Work to Meet Our Needs

6. How has God provided for the needs of you and your family?
7. If you view work as God providing for you, how might that affect your view on work?

**Thursday: Ephesians 1:3-8; II Corinthians 9:6-12**

### God Gives Us Work So We Can Be Generous

8. In what ways has God been generous with you?
9. What kind of giver does God want us to be?
10. If you view work as an avenue to be able to show generosity to others, how might that affect your view of work?

**Friday: Psalm 103:1-14; I Peter 5:7**

### God Knows and He Cares

Work was designed to be a good thing, but because of sin in the world it can be very difficult. Perhaps things aren’t working out for you like you hoped at your job. Maybe you feel overlooked and passed over. Maybe you feel like you have a demanding boss or an unreasonable work environment. Maybe you have made mistakes. God knows all of this and he cares about all the details of your life—including work.

11. Psalm 103:13 describes God as a compassionate father. How can we share our struggles with our heavenly Father?
12. How can remembering that God knows all about your situation help you at work?
13. What are some ways you can take God to work this week?