

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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Growth Track

Take Your Next Step

Growth Guide



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Grow By Bringing

Do you know your neighbors? I’m asking about the people who live immediately to your right and your left, maybe across the street or beyond your backyard or across the hall. If you can name them, the statistics suggest that this knowledge sets you apart in today’s America.

For all that technology has accomplished in connecting us with people all over America and even around the world, it’s built miles of distance between next-door neighbors. Most of us live less than fifty feet from our neighbor’s front door, and yet we couldn’t live further apart. Technology — think garage doors, air-conditioning, Amazon, smartphones, and Netflix — has tragically made strangers out of neighbors.

Relationships that used to be normal and natural have become rare and even inconvenient. As a people commissioned by God to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19), trends toward isolation and away from real, face-to-face friendship should trouble us. These relationships are the highways for the good news, the widest channels for true hope, life, and happiness.

God has put you on the planet and in your neighborhood so that you and all the people in your life might seek him. That’s God’s mission statement for your neighborhood, wherever you live and regardless of the number of Christians there.

God has determined your dwelling place today — your home, in your neighborhood, in your city, in your state — so that you would seek him and help others do the same. It’s not beyond God to use you to convert someone in a moment on a bus ride or through a random, brief interaction with a stranger at the gym or a coffee shop or the office. But friendships are the front lines of making disciples, and friendship requires some shared interest or hobby or space — a place where paths cross. Even the always-traveling apostle Paul found time for that kind of relational, life-on-life evangelism and discipleship.

It’s never too late to be a better neighbor. The awkwardness may last a few moments initially, but the results also may endure eternally. Take the next step in their direction — they’re only a few steps away — and trust God will overcome the weaknesses in you and the brokenness in American society to draw his own to himself.

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KEY VERSE

Acts 2:47b

“And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 2:42-47b

Introduction

What is the greatest challenge you have in sharing your faith?

What attributes did the church in Acts 2 have?

Tuesday: Luke 5:27-32

Sharing Your Faith Begins With Relationships With Others

Who are some people in your life who do not yet know the Lord?

How much do you know about your neighbors?

Do you find it easy or difficult to let your neighbors and coworkers know that you are a Christian?

Wednesday: Colossians 4:2-6

Pray

Name some people in your life that you are praying for or would like to start praying for who do not yet know the Lord.

How often do you pray for opportunities to share the gospel?

How often do you pray for your church family to have opportunities to share the gospel?

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 1 Thessalonians 2:8-11

Invest and Invite

Think of the non believers in your life. What are some specific ways you can develop or deepen a friendship with them?

How good of a listener are you? What are good questions to ask people to discover more about them and their lives?

How comfortable are you inviting someone to church or leading someone to Jesus?

What are some concerns or fears you might have?

Friday: Acts 1:8; Acts 8:29-37

Power For Witnessing Comes From the Holy Spirit

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit gives us power?

How can we partner with the Holy Spirit in reaching people in our circle?

Are there specific situations that God has laid on your heart for sharing the gospel with a friend or acquaintance?

How can we encourage and pray for one another to show love in sacrificial ways?