

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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Preparing For Your Best Year Ever

Once, when the people of God had become careless in their relationship with Him, the Lord rebuked them through the prophet Haggai. "Consider your ways!" (Haggai 1:5) he declared, urging them to reflect on some of the things happening to them, and to evaluate their slipshod spirituality in light of what God had told them.

Even those most faithful to God occasionally need to pause and think about the direction of their lives. It's so easy to bump along from one busy week to another without ever stopping to ponder where we're going and where we should be going.

The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to stop, look up, and get our bearings. To that end, here are some questions to ask prayerfully in the presence of God.

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in 10 years? In eternity?

(from "10 Questions To Ask At the Start of a New Year by Don Whitney)

KEY VERSE

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Introduction

1. What are you hoping for in 2018?
2. Of the 10 questions on the front of the growth guide, which is the most impactful to your life?

Tuesday: Matthew 6:9-13

Pray Daily

3. How would you describe your prayer life?
4. Below are some keys to having a powerful prayer life. Are any of these areas lacking in your prayer life?
Praise and thanksgiving ~ Psalm 150:2
Repent of sin ~ I John 1:9
Ask God to meet your needs and the needs of others ~ Matthew 7:7
Yield to the will of God ~ Romans 6:13

Wednesday: Joshua 1:8

Study God's Word Daily

5. What are some blessings that reading God's Word has brought to your life?
6. Remembering God's Word keeps us from sin (Psalm 119:11). How do you hold God's word dear to your heart?

Thursday: Hebrews 10:22-25

Grow With Other Christians

7. Do you feel connected to your church family? Why or why not?
8. What are some steps you can take to deepen your connection with others at Capital?

Friday: Read Matthew 28:18-20

Share Your Faith With Others

9. How did you become a Christian?
10. Who in your life do you share your faith with? Is there anyone you want to start sharing your faith with?
11. What steps will you take in 2018 to grow?