

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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Transforming Your Commitment

Six Marks of a Committed Follower of Jesus

Transformed Heart: Disciples are spiritually regenerate—they have been forgiven of their sin and they are now indwelt by God’s Spirit. By supernatural grace through saving faith in Christ, disciples have been acquitted before God the Judge and adopted by God the Father. Such gracious regeneration has triggered a glorious transformation in every disciple of Jesus.

Transformed Mind: Disciples are biblically grounded—they believe what Jesus says. Disciples of Jesus trust the truth of Jesus and view the world around them through the lens of God’s Word. As disciples abide in Jesus, reading, hearing, studying, understanding, memorizing, and meditating on God’s Word, He molds their minds to become like His. They are continually being renewed in knowledge after the image of their Creator.

Transformed Affections: Disciples are deeply satisfied—they desire what Jesus desires. Their pursuit of peace, joy, and life has led them to Jesus, who has not only saved them from their sin, but also satisfied their souls. Disciples, therefore, grow to participate in spiritual disciplines not out of a sense of duty, but out of a sense of delight: enjoying the exaltation of God in worship, craving communion with God in prayer, hungering for God’s Word more than daily food, confessing sins with grateful contrition, and loving God’s glory more than their own lives.

Transformed Will: Disciples are humbly obedient—they do what Jesus commands. Disciples of Jesus do not merely hear the Word and so deceive themselves; they do what it says. Disciples see imperatives in the Scriptures as invitations from the Savior to experience the joy of active submission to Him. The more they walk according to God’s Word, the more Jesus conforms their ways to His will.

Transformed Relationships: Disciples are sacrificially loving—they serve as Jesus serves. Having been reconciled to God through Christ, disciples continually work toward reconciliation with others in Christ: forgiving one another freely and serving one another selflessly. Disciples of Jesus join together as members of local churches where they love one another by laying down their lives for each other. Such sacrificial compassion extends beyond the local church as disciples care for their families, the global church, the lost, and the poor.

Transformed Purpose: Disciples are missionally engaged—they make disciples who make disciples of all nations. Compelled by God’s grace, disciples are captivated by the Great Commission. Jesus has not only transformed their way of life; He has revolutionized their reason for living. Disciples live—and die—to share the gospel of Christ, to reproduce the life of Christ, to teach the Word of Christ, and to serve the world for Christ by praying for, giving to, and going to people around them and people around the world for the sake of God’s fame.

(excerpt from “Six Marks of a Disciple of Christ” by Zane Pratt.)

KEY VERSE

Romans 12:11

*“not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;”
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WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Romans 12:11; Matthew 16:24-28

Introduction

1. What do you think of when you hear the word commitment?
2. Do you agree with the six marks of a committed follower of Christ on the front of this guide? Which do you find the most challenging?

Tuesday: John 6:1-13

A Boy Who Gave What He Had

3. Why do you think the boy was willing to give his food to Jesus?
4. Why did the disciples think the boy's gift was insignificant?

Wednesday: Mark 12:41-44

A Woman Who Gave What She Had

5. What are some similarities between the gifts of the boy and the widow?
6. How does the widow's gift show that she is committed?

Thursday: John 3:16-17; Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Gave All He Had

7. In what ways does Jesus model commitment to us?

8. In light of what Jesus has done for us what should your response be?

Friday: Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 9:23-25

Give All You Can

9. What does it mean to follow Jesus?

10. Have you ever responded to Jesus' invitation to follow him? What has been the result of your decision in your life?

11. Who are some people in your life who need to be introduced to Jesus? What are some ways you can help them?