

## 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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# ON MISSION TOGETHER

GROWTH GUIDE



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## Doing The Mission!

On their return trip to Antioch, the missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, were engaged in several important ministries.

First, they preached the Gospel and made disciples (“taught many”). It is difficult to understand how they got back into the cities from which they had been expelled, but the Lord opened the doors.

Second, they strengthened (“confirmed”) the believers in the things of Christ and encouraged (“exhorted”) them to continue in the faith. Continuance is a proof of true faith in Jesus Christ (John 8:31–32; Acts 2:42). Paul made it very clear that living the Christian life was not an easy thing and that they would all have to expect trials and sufferings before they would see the Lord in glory.

Third, they organized the churches (Acts 14:23–25). The local church is both an organism and an organization, for if an organism is not organized, it will die! Paul and Barnabas ordained spiritual leaders and gave them the responsibility of caring for the flock. If you compare Titus 1:5 and 7, you will see that “elder” and “bishop” (overseer) refer to the same office, and both are equivalent to “pastor” (shepherd).

Finally, they reported to their “sending church” on the work God had done (Acts 14:26–28). They had been gone at least a year, and it must have been exciting for them and for the church when they arrived back home. They had, by the grace of God, fulfilled the work God had given them to do; and they joyfully reported the blessings to the church family.

This is perhaps the first “missionary conference” in church history, and what a conference it must have been!

Paul and Barnabas announced that the “door of faith” had been opened to the Gentiles.

That door is still open, to Jews and Gentiles alike—to a whole world! Walk through that open door and help take the Gospel to others.

Be daring!

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## KEY VERSE

Acts 14:27

*Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. NKJV*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Acts 14:21-28**

### Introduction

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “missions”?
2. Based on these verses, how would you describe the conclusion of Paul and Barnabas’s first missionary journey?

**Tuesday: Acts 14:21a; I Corinthians 15:1-4**

### Preach the Gospel

3. What is the Gospel?
4. What are some ways that you can preach the Gospel to others?

**Wednesday: Acts 14:21b-22; Matthew 28:18-20**

### Make Disciples

5. What does it mean to make disciples?
6. What are some ways that you can make disciples?

**Thursday: Acts 14:23; I Peter 5:1-5; Hebrews 13:7**

### Establish Churches

7. What is the importance of prayer and fasting in missions?
8. What responsibility does a church leader have?
9. What is your responsibility towards your church leaders?

**Friday: Acts 14:24-27; II Corinthians 3:1-6**

### Report the Victories

10. What did Paul and Barnabas do upon arriving in Antioch?
11. What was their report?
12. What are some victories that God has given you in the areas of sharing the gospel or making disciples?