

## 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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## We Love Our Bible

The truth of God’s Word applies to all men and women in every culture, age, and walk of life. It’s His supernatural manual that alone reveals His mind and ways so that humankind may know and experience His presence and eternal love.

The Bible is God’s written record of His works through the ages. It provides substantial evidence of His nature, plan, and purposes so that we can confidently place our faith in Him. Because we have His Word, we are not left to archaeological, historical, or theological guesswork. We can know how to live, make decisions, and worship the Lord, for “it is written” in His Word.

Scripture is divinely inspired. This means that He was involved in every detail that was recorded and written. It is God-breathed, and it is life’s final and ultimate authority. The Bible is the “last word” on issues pertaining to God and His will. No individual, institution, or organization can supersede the authority of Scripture. Likewise, the Bible is God’s guide to salvation and wise living. The psalmist wrote, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Ps. 119:105).

That is exactly why we are admonished not to add to or take away from Scripture (Rev. 22:18-19). It perfectly expresses the decrees and judgments of almighty God. The Bible is authoritative because it is the truth: “The sum of Your word is truth” (Ps. 119:160).

Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Bible enlightens each individual to recognize personal sin, the need for salvation, and the best possible life course. Without the Bible informing and illumining us, we would be hopelessly unable to know and follow the true and living God. When we say, “Oh, I just wish I could hear God speak to me,” we overlook the fact that He has spoken and is still speaking to us through His Word. He is never silent but is actively involved in every aspect of our lives (Rom. 3:2, Heb. 5:12).

The Bible is also profitable and nourishing. It provides us with an advantage in every department of life—family, business, and personal relationships. It is profitable because it reflects the wisdom of God; and when we abide by its teachings, we learn to live in His peace. As we meditate and consider its truth, our spirits and souls find nourishment. We become established and enriched in every experience of life by living according to God’s perspective. The Bible is the Book for everyone. It is revelation, inspiration, and communication of the Person and plan of the eternal, living, and powerful God.

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## KEY VERSE

Psalm 119:113

*I hate double-minded people,  
but I love your law. NKJV*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Psalm 119:113-120**

**Why Do We Love The Bible?**

1. Do you love the Bible? If so, why do you love it?
2. How has the Bible impacted your life?

**Tuesday: Romans 15:4; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 4:4**

**We Prayerfully Read the Bible**

3. Do you have a plan for reading the Bible? If so, what is it?
4. Why is it important to read the Bible?

**Wednesday: Acts 20:20-21; II Timothy 4:1-4**

**We Boldly Preach The Bible**

5. Why is Biblical preaching important?
6. Describe a time when Biblical preaching has impacted your life.

**Thursday: Colossians 3:15-16; Proverbs 27:17**

**We Openly Discuss The Bible**

7. Do you have people in your life who you can discuss the Bible and spiritual matters with? If so, how has it helped you?
8. What is the benefit of studying the Bible in a community?
9. How can you encourage others to grow in their reading and understanding of the Bible?

**Friday: II Peter 3:18; Psalm 119:11; James 1:22-25**

**We Progressively Obey The Bible**

10. How does studying the Bible help us to obey God?
11. How can the Bible assist the Holy Spirit in our sanctification?
12. How can you grow in your love for the Bible this week?