

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



My Commitment Can Make A Difference

Whenever I become tentative about talking one-on-one with a friend, family member or acquaintance about Jesus (and believe me, I still do!), I simply remind myself of how Jesus stepped out of his comfort zone for me. Imagine what was going on in Jesus’ mind and heart the night before he was crucified. While he knew that the events unfolding were God’s plan, he was in anguish over the prospect of being mocked, abused and nailed to a cross to die. In fact, just hours before his death, Jesus knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane and begged his Father:

‘My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me...’ (Matthew 26:39)

Having become so accustomed to the story of Jesus’ crucifixion, it’s all-too-easy for you and me to dismiss the struggle going on inside him during those final hours. Jesus was every bit as human as he was deity. While he wanted to fulfill the purpose he had been put on earth for, he dreaded the pain and suffering it would take. Still, Jesus was willing to endure—willing to be uncomfortable to the point of death—to be the Difference Maker for you, for me, and for every person who has ever lived. As he went on to say that night in the garden:

‘...Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’ (Matthew 26:39)

Even though Jesus experienced every temptation you and I have ever experienced, he never gave in. I’m sure he was tempted to stay quiet some days. He may not have felt like engaging the crowds every time they gathered. When he came face-to-face with people who were critical of God’s message, he may have wanted to downshift into small talk about the weather in Jerusalem. But God had called him to a higher purpose—a purpose he fulfilled with humility and grace.

Jesus was the ultimate Difference Maker. He was ready to do whatever it took to reconcile us to his Father. He was willing to die so that we could have the opportunity to live our earthly lives in step with God before spending eternity in heaven. As such, how could you and I be anything but willing to offer his good news to others?

Are You Willing?

God has uniquely positioned you to influence the people in your life for him. He wants to use you. He wants to partner with you in changing lives and eternities. And he only has one requirement you have to meet in order to qualify: You simply have to be willing to participate. You have to be open to using your everyday life for eternal impact. God is calling you to make a difference. Are you willing?

KEY VERSE

Isaiah 6:8

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 8:26-38

Commit To Use Your Readiness to Make A Difference

1. When God instructs you to share the Gospel do you share boldly? What scripture encourages you to share the Gospel message with others in your day?
2. List some steps that you have taken to make sure you are ready to share the Gospel when God gives you the opportunity.

Tuesday: John 9:1-11, 24-25, 35-38

Commit To Use Your Story To Make A Difference

3. What state were you in as a person when you first heard the Gospel? What was the first thing that you felt God's love change in you?
4. List the main points of your testimony. What are some ways God can use your unique testimony to impact others?

Wednesday: Romans 1:14-17

Commit to Use Your Good News To Make A Difference

5. What truths from the Bible make up the Gospel? Why do we need to share it?
6. If you have received the Gospel, what duty do you have to share it?

Thursday: Luke 8:1-3, 24:1-12

Commit To Use Your Generosity To Make A Difference

7. Has God sent you help from an unlikely or unexpected source before? Have you ever been an unexpected help to others when God asked you to?
8. List some ways your generosity can be a difference maker this year.

Friday: John 1:35-49; II Corinthians 5:14-21

Commit To Use Your Invitation And Love To Make A Difference

9. What steps can you make to be intentional about investing in lives of people in your family, neighborhood, workplace, etc?
10. How is the love of Jesus included in every part of your life? In what ways did Jesus love, heal, and grow you this week?
11. In what ways are you an Ambassador for Christ? Where do you find your motivation to share God's message of reconciliation with others?
12. Who can you invite to church for the new God Questions sermon series?