

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.

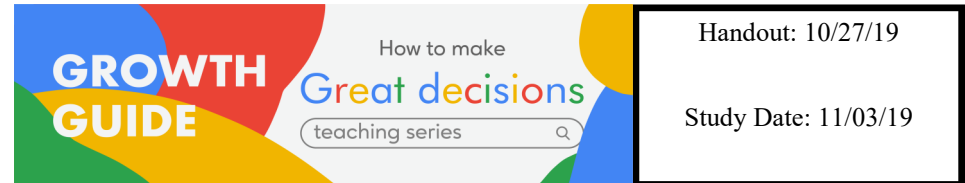
Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

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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GROWTH GUIDE How to make **Great decisions** teaching series

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The Best Place To Get Guidance

As a sinner living with other sinners in a fallen world, you encounter darkness every day. While you may experience Instagram-worthy, sunny day picnic lunches, the reality is that life is more of a midnight walk through the woods.

On any given day, you probably encounter more darkness than you do truth - both internally, and externally. So if you are going to move forward, to make your way without danger, and get to where you are meant to go, you need something to light your way. No passage gets at this need and God's provision better than Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

You need light for your marriage and your parenting. You need light for your job and your relationships with your neighbors. You need light for your struggles with desires and temptations. You need light to help you deal with the unexpected. You need light to cope with new difficulties that emerge. You need light for when you have been sinned against. You need light to deal with weaknesses of the body and hardships of the heart. You need light for those moments when you're alone and overwhelmed. You need light for all those unknowns that will show up on your doorstep tomorrow.

It's hard to find a better description of Psalm 119:105 than what the great nineteenth century preacher, Charles Spurgeon, wrote about this verse.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet. We are walkers through the city of this world, and we are often called to go out into its darkness; let us never venture there without the light giving word, lest we slip with our feet. Each man should use the word of God personally, practically, and habitually, that he may see his way and see what lies in it. When darkness settles down upon all around me, the word of the Lord, like a flaming torch, reveals my way. Having no fixed lamps in eastern towns, in old time each passenger carried a lantern with him that he might not fall into the open sewer, or stumble over the heaps of ordure which defiled the road. This is a true picture of our path through this dark world: we should not know the way, or how to walk in it, if Scripture, like a blazing flambeau, did not reveal it. One of the most practical benefits of Holy Writ is guidance in the acts of daily life: it is not sent to astound us with its brilliance, but to guide us by its instruction. It is true the head needs illumination, but even more the feet need direction, else head and feet may both fall into a ditch. Happy is the man who personally appropriates God's word, and practically uses it as his comfort and counsellor,—a lamp to his own feet." (Treasury of David)

You don't need to bloody your nose and bruise your toes by bumping into trees and tripping over roots. And you don't have to grope around fearfully in the darkness. The Light of the World has graced you with the light of his Word!

Source: "A Lamp And A Light" by Paul David Tripp

KEY VERSE

Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Psalm 119:97-105

Introduction

1. The third paragraph of the article on the cover suggests some areas of our lives where we need light to guide us. Where do you need light to guide you?
2. Based on today's scripture reading, what are some characteristics of the Bible that make it a great source for guidance?

Tuesday: Romans 12:2; Psalm 1:1; Titus 1:15

Unreliable Sources Of Guidance

3. What are some sources of guidance that have proven to be unreliable in your life?
4. Describe a time you received poor guidance. What affects did the bad guidance cause?

Wednesday: Psalm 119:97-102; Psalm 19:7-13

The Bible Is The Only Reliable Source Of Guidance

5. Based on today's scripture reading, why is the Bible reliable?
6. Describe a time when you received guidance from the Bible. How did the Bible guide you?

Thursday: II Timothy 3:14-17

Reasons Why The Bible Is Reliable

7. Based on today's scripture reading, what are some words you would use to describe the reliability of the Bible?
8. What does it mean that the Bible is inspired (breathed out) by God?
9. In what ways has the Bible been profitable for you?
10. How has the Bible grown and equipped you?

Friday: Psalm 119:103-05; Hebrews 4:12-13

Look In The Bible To Guide Your Decisions

11. How does Hebrews 4:12 describe the Bible? How has this proven true in your life?
12. How can the Bible guide you in your decisions today and this week?