

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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK



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1. PRAISE - Through the Lord, I was able to purchase 2.5 acres of land for our youth (who were homeless) to farm.
2. Each week I counsel a number of guests on how to deal with the stresses that COVID has caused. Many are suffering from hunger and schools are closed causing students to flounder.
3. If the law does not change, I will be forced to return to the US in 2022. Please pray for wisdom and guidance from the Lord.

GROWTH GUIDE

DEEP PRAYERS

Handout: 08/16/20

Study: 08/23/20

Lord, Search Me!

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties” (Psalm 139:23).

Here was a wise confession on the part of a great leader, a humble admission that a nation’s sicknesses can be attributed to its spiritual ills. David turned his face to the altar of God. He prayed earnestly for God to begin the revival of his nation by kindling the fires of revival in his own heart.

His heart yearned, as our hearts yearn today, for a personal, vital intimacy with God. In short, he was praying for a definite, real experience with God. Most of us know about God, but that is quite different from really knowing God. It is one thing to be introduced to a person, but quite another thing to know him personally.

Is it not logical to believe that the only one who can re-create us is the One who created us in the first place? If your watch were out of order, you wouldn’t take it to a blacksmith. If your car needed overhauling, you wouldn’t take it to a plumber. If you needed an operation, you wouldn’t go to a machine shop.

Our spiritual problems can only be solved by the God who created us originally. He created us in His own image and likeness; today by the grace of His Son, He can re-create us in the likeness of His resurrection. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are made new, and we become partakers of His life. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

May God, through our humble confession and prayer, so reveal His Son to us that we can say with the early believers, “We ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world” (John 4:42).

See if there is any wicked way in me

David also prayed, “And see if there is any wicked way in me” (Psalm 139:24).

David, God’s chosen man, found himself deluged with iniquity—a victim of his own lusts. But he took the lead and in humility of heart confessed his spiritual need to God.

This prayer was a turning point in his life. By his sincere confession of inadequacy he was brought into the very courts of the Most High, and God rushed to his rescue. When he was rescued, his court and his nation were also rescued. All salvation—social, political and national—begins with the salvation of the individual.

Source: “Where Change Really Begins” by Billy Graham

KEY VERSE

Psalm 139:23 (NKJV)

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties; “*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Psalm 139

Introduction

1. According to Psalm 139 what does God know about you? Why is He the perfect one to go deeper with?
2. Pray Psalm 139:23-24 today. What is God teaching you today about this prayer?

Tuesday: Matthew 6:33; I Corinthians 3:11-13; John 6:27

Evaluate Your Priorities

3. What are your priorities in life? Is there a difference between your priorities and what they should be? If so, what?
4. Pray Psalm 139:23-24 today. What is God teaching you today about this prayer?

Wednesday: Philippians 2:13-14; Ephesians 4:31-32; Heb. 12:15

Evaluate Your Attitudes

5. Do you have negative attitudes? If so, what are they? How can God help you with these?
6. Pray Psalm 139:23-24 today. What is God teaching you today about this prayer?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 3:1; Philippians 3:13-14; Hebrews 12:1-2

Evaluate Your Progress

7. Where are you in your Christian growth? What evidence do you have in your life that you are a growing Christian?
8. Where do you want to be in your Christian walk a year from now? Two years from now?
9. Pray Psalm 139:23-24 today. What is God teaching you today about this prayer?

Friday: James 4:17; Proverbs 28:13; Colossians 3:1-11

Evaluate Your Purity

10. Is there sin in your life? When you sin do you try to cover it up or are you quick to confess it?
11. What is your role in overcoming sin and what is God's role?
12. Pray Psalm 139:23-24 today. What is God teaching you today through this prayer?