

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

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



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1. PRAISE - Sometimes Jesus calms the outer storm and sometimes he calms the inner storm. Praise the Lord that our campaigner kids got together to learn how Jesus can help them through this hard time.

2. PRAISE - Some of our leaders were able to make meals for families through this hard time. We have had other leaders sharing messages with those same families who don’t know Jesus. Praise the Lord that through this hard time, we are seeing the gospel proclaimed!

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GROWTH
GUIDE

MAXIMIZING
CHURCH
ATTENDANCE

Handout: 09/20/20

Study: 09/27/20

Maximizing Church Attendance

I attend church to serve others. There is so much greater joy in serving than seeking to be served. I have many opportunities to serve when the church is gathered. Those opportunities are my gifts from God.

I attend church to encourage others. We live in a world of incredible digital communication. But there is still something irreplaceable about gathering together. When I encounter someone in person at church, I have an opportunity to encourage him or her in person as well.

I attend church to state my priorities. If I am able to go to work, to go to school, to go on vacation, or to watch or be involved in a sport, I can attend church. I desire to have a “no excuse” clause in my life for attending church.

I attend church to participate in worship. There is something special and Spirit-filled about worshipping together with other Christians. It is both an opportunity and gift I do not take lightly.

I attend church even if it doesn’t meet all my needs. If I say, “I am not getting fed spiritually,” it likely means I am not hungry spiritually. If my church does some things a bit differently than my preferences, I realize I am there, not as a consumer, but as a giver and one who has been called to put others’ needs before my own. No church is perfect. No worship style is perfect. No pastor is perfect. And neither am I.

I attend church with frequency, not on occasion. It is my prayer to be in my church every Sunday. When I am out of town, I can find another church to attend. I pray I will never say, “I need a break from church.” I certainly don’t want God to take a break from me.

I attend church to set an example for my family. Couples have healthier marriages when they attend church. Children grow up with countless benefits because their parents took them to church. I need to show the importance and priority of church attendance to those I love.

I attend church because the Bible tells me to do so. Two-thirds of the New Testament is about churches, specifically gathered churches. The words of the writer of Hebrews in 10:24-25 are powerful: “And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and more as you see the day approaching.”

I attend church because I love my church. I love my church. I love my pastor. I love the members of my church. I love the community my church serves. If I love someone, I will be there for them. I truly love my church.

Source: “Why I Attend Church” by Thom Ranier

KEY VERSE

Psalm 122:1 (NKJV)

*I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Psalm 122:1; Psalm 34:1-3; Psalm 84:1-3,10

Introduction

1. Why do you attend church?
2. What have you missed most about church during 2020?

Tuesday: Hebrews 10:25; I Peter 2:2; I Thessalonians 5:11

Recognize The Benefits

3. What benefits have you experienced in your life as a result of being part of a church?
4. Every member of our church family is important. How do others benefit from you being part of the church family?

Wednesday: John 4:23a; Ephesians 5:19; Matthew 21:13

Worship In Spirit

5. What is worship? List ways that you participate in worship.
6. How do you prepare yourself for worship?

Thursday: John 4:23b; Matthew 15:8-9; II Timothy 4:2

Worship In Truth

7. What does it mean to worship in truth?
8. What is the importance of attending a church that preaches the truth? What is the importance of listening to the truth?
9. How do you practice the truth?

Friday: Luke 14:23; Psalm 122:1; Colossians 4:2-6

Invite Others To Attend

10. Why is it sometimes difficult to invite people to church?
11. Who are some people in your life who would benefit from attending our church either in person or online?
12. What new challenges do we face in 2020 that make inviting people to church difficult? How can you invite someone to church if you attend in person? How can you invite someone to church if you worship online?