

## 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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**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**



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1. PRAISE - I was recently given the opportunity to teach over 25 Vietnamese church leaders on “Bible Study Methods & Rules of Interpretation” over Zoom.
2. PRAY - That the government would loosen restrictions regarding the quarantine time required to be in Vietnam. Right now with the current restrictions, I would have to quarantine longer than my trip would last. We also have another BTCP Training scheduled for November.

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## GROWTH GUIDE



Handout: 09/27/20

Study: 10/04/20

## Stronger Together In Jesus

One reason you need to know who you are in Christ is because God created you to be a masterpiece. You may be saying, “Wait a minute, Tony. I don’t remember reading that in the Bible.” It’s there; Paul says that Christians “are [God’s] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). The Greek word for “workmanship” is the word “masterpiece.” A masterpiece is something rare, special, of great value. And the best part is that a masterpiece bears the name of its author or creator. That means that as God’s masterpiece, you are His poem (the literal meaning of this Greek word), His sonnet, His artwork. And you carry His name!

Why would God want to show you who you are? Romans 12:4 says it’s for a reason bigger than yourself: “For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” God wants you to give yourself to Him so He can show you the real you, but also so He can connect you with others in the body of Christ.

I hope you know that there is no part of the Christian life that was designed to be experienced in isolation. That’s why the Bible refers to us believers as one body in Christ with many members. Paul calls the parts of a human body its “members.” This is where the idea of church membership comes from. The parts of a human body are interconnected members that function together if the body is healthy.

That’s the way God designed the body to work, and also how He designed the body of Christ to work. So in addition to the fact that you give yourself the great gift of an authentic selfhood when you give yourself to God, you also give yourself and others the great gift of functioning together in the larger body of Christ. This is why it is important to cultivate a proper relationship with other believers as well as having a proper relationship with God.

This means being a Christian is never just about you. Some folks come to church to get their blessing, to find out what God can do for them. There’s nothing wrong with seeking a blessing or a breakthrough from God, as long as you realize you aren’t an only child in His family. In fact, this matter of connectedness with others is so important that God has tied some of your blessing and spiritual growth to how well you relate to others in the body of Christ.

The Bible says we are members of one another. It’s a way of reminding you and me that this thing is not all about us. We aren’t the only kids in the family.

Source: “Discovering YOU in WE” by Tony Evans

## KEY VERSE

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10**

### Introduction

1. In the article on the cover, Tony Evans states that God created you to be a masterpiece. How does that analogy apply to your life?
2. Count the number of times the word "us" appears in today's scripture reading. What might that suggest about the importance of our relationships with other Christians?

**Tuesday: Ephesians 2:1-3; I Corinthians 2:14; Isaiah 53:6**

### Our Sin Before Christ

3. How does Paul describe our natural state in Ephesians 2:1?
4. How did we live at that time and under whose influence were we conducting our lives?

**Wednesday: Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 5:8; John 5:24**

### Our Salvation Through Christ

5. Based on today's scripture reading, how does God save people? How have you seen these verses demonstrated in your life?
6. The phrase "in Christ Jesus" appears twice in Ephesians 2:6-7. What does it mean for your life to be in Christ Jesus?

**Thursday: Ephesians 2:8-10; II Corinthians 5:17; I Thess. 4:3-4**

### Our Sanctification After Christ

7. Based on today's scripture reading, how would you define grace?
8. What evidence do you see from your life that God is working in you?
9. How are we as Christians described in Ephesians 2:10 and what is the purpose for which God has redeemed us?

**Friday: Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 5:16**

### God's Work Through Those In Christ

10. What evidence do you see from your life that God is working through you?
11. What things do you think God has prepared for you to do?
12. How does finding your identity in Christ help you to grow and serve?