

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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PRAISE

- The CLAIM team completed a facelift to the campus including adding a large porch on the end of the auditorium and adding a giant waterslide, snack shop facilities, and workshop areas, and added a backdrop for the auditorium. A lot of these were used for family camp.

- We had over 100 people attend the Deaf Family Camp and had 1 man accept Christ.

- Throughout the summer, a special outreach called “Camp Harvest” was held. It was primarily a youth outreach from 4pm to 8pm on Wednesdays. During the summer over 21 people were saved and 4 new families have started attending church from these events.

PRAY

- for students as they return for the school. This will be the 30th year of the Bible College.

- for Kim as she is still recovering from breast cancer surgery and treatments. Kim is still receiving treatments every 3 weeks and her greatest obstacle is fatigue.



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Handout: 11/5/23

Study Date: 11/12/23

Transforming Lives

In 2 Corinthians 5:20; Paul is challenging his readers to answer their calling and live up to this scripture by taking on the role of “ambassador” for Christ.

An ambassador is someone who represents one state (or country) to another. They are the authorized representative and messenger to the foreign country in which they are residing.

Paul here is using this well-known and respected position to illustrate our calling from God. We are ambassadors for Christ. This tells us a few things about our calling. First, followers of Jesus belong to another kingdom. An ambassador lives in a foreign land, but belongs to a different kingdom. Their allegiance isn’t ultimately to the place they reside. The same must be true for each Christian. Second, the ambassador holds an extremely important job. They are the primary representatives for their kingdom/ country. This is not a job that should be taken lightly; a lot is at stake. Again, the same is true for followers of Jesus. When Paul says that we are ambassadors for Christ he’s saying that we are God’s representatives in the world we currently live in. This is our role, our mission, and we should behave accordingly. Christians have an important job to do, showcase Christ so that others can come to know him.

Paul here is showing the seriousness of this role; we are God’s spokesperson. What we say, what we do, tells those around us something about God. Far too many Christians don’t take this responsibility seriously. Many flat out ignore it or are embarrassed by it. We forget that this is a privileged position. We ought to hold it with pride that God can use us for such an important task. God wants to use **you** to show those around you the love he has. What an incredible opportunity you have.

So what’s the message that ambassadors of Christ bring? Reconciliation. Paul implores, or begs, all believers to take this message with them as they move about the world. Reconciliation simply means to change. In the context that Paul is talking about here, reconciliation involves a change in our relationship with God. It assumes that the relationship was fractured, but now there has been a change from broken to whole. A reconciliation. This is the good news of the gospel. We were sinners, broken, and on our way to death. But Jesus’ work on the cross has brought a change. This is what Paul is getting at just a few verses prior in [2 Corinthians 5:17](#): “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” This is the message Christians are charged with taking. God has made a way to restore the relationship. [He came to bring us a full life, a real life \(John 10:10\)](#). We no longer have to keep heading towards death searching for something that will bring us true joy. Jesus has freely given it to all. Therefore, because of what Jesus has done, we are to take the role of Ambassadors of Christ seriously and spread the message of reconciliation everywhere we go.

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KEY VERSE

II Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)

Now then, we as ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: II Corinthians 5:20; Romans 1:16; John 17:18

Introduction

1. How can we transform lives through evangelism?
2. How do YOU explain the Gospel of Christ as the “power of God to salvation”?

Tuesday: II Corinthians 5:14-15a; II Corinthians 5:15b-16

Be Motivated By The Love Of Christ

3. Based upon today's scripture reading, who did Christ die for? Did he die just for specific people or everyone?
4. According to II Corinthians 5:15b-16 who should we be living for?

Wednesday: II Peter 1:3-4; II Corinthians 5:17; II Peter 3:18

Tell About New Life In Christ

5. What has Christ *given us* in II Peter 1:3-4 that we be “partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world.”
6. What does “growing our relationship” with Jesus do for us?

Thursday: II Corinthians 5:18-19; II Corinthians 5:20

Share Salvation Through Christ

7. How does God use us to bring others to Him?
8. In II Corinthians 5:18-19 what is “the ministry of reconciliation”?
9. What does it mean to YOU to be an “ambassador for Christ”?

Friday: II Corinthians 5:21

Celebrate Forgiveness In Christ

10. How do YOU celebrate forgiveness in Christ?
11. In taking our sin upon his shoulders, what is Christ calling us to do?
12. How has forgiveness from God impacted your life in the last year?