

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

Alan & Sabrina Davis | New York

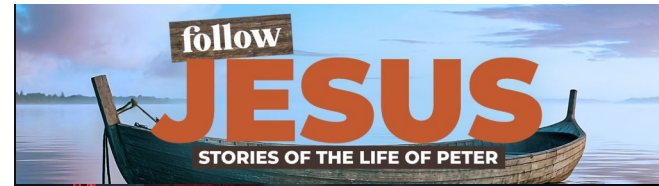


PRAISE

- Praise God for opportunities to share Christ. Recently, while on a trip to some churches, Sabrina had the opportunity to share the Gospel with a lady at the laundromat. She was open to Sabrina's conversation.
- Praise God for Davis' children, their oldest son, Nathan has been hired as the CFO of the Small Business Administration in Washington, DC. Amos is a CPA and leads and audit team. Their youngest son, Luke is a medical doctor and is beginning residency in Dallas, TX.

PRAY

- Pray for Alan and Sabrina as they are fired up for Jesus Christ in 2025.



Handout: 10/05/25

Study Date: 10/12/25

On The Shore: A Story Of Transformation

"Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"
--Matthew 4:19

This was Jesus' instruction to Peter, but he obviously meant it for John and James as well, who were present and also obeyed. These men were commercial fishermen, and the statement follows a miracle done by Jesus in which they threw their nets out at Jesus' request after fishing unsuccessfully all night. Though it was the middle of the day and in deep waters, the catch was miraculously large, and the fishermen marveled.

Then came the invitation to follow Jesus and join in his ministry. By the grace of God, they laid down their nets and followed. Jesus calls us all in the same way. One way or another, he shows himself. Some, even today are privy to a sign or wonder in their lives that leave them thinking, "There must be a God!" Others sense the evidence in his good created order and just know that the Bible is true and Jesus is to be trusted. Still, others live through experiences that drive them to the Savior who, is gracious and compassionate to save, and they follow him.

No matter how one comes to see Christ as Lord and Savior, the invitation must be accepted. Christ was always moving forward, and his invitation was always to follow him on his path. The result for Peter, James, and John, and for any today who will accept the invitation, is to lay down our lives and "follow," becoming fishers of men.

Much of Christianity in today's culture has been reduced to, "Say this prayer to ask Jesus into your heart, and you will go to heaven." But that was never how Jesus invited people. He said to "follow him." He is to be both Savior and Lord. To receive his salvation is to give him Lordship of your whole life and to go where he leads.

There is no other kind of disciple than one who is sent. Jesus calls us, teaches us, empowers us, and then sends us to fish for people. He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-12) and will return again. It seems to be the only reason that he did not take us with him is that the mission must be completed by his empowered and Spirit-filled Church. Today, Jesus' call is the same. Join in and fish for people until he returns. The language of the great commission shows that this is what he waits for (Mt 28:18-20).

Resource: Connectusfund.org

KEY VERSE

Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)

"Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"

Read Matthew 4:18-20 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 4:19-20; Jeremiah 29:11; Philippians 2:13

Follow Jesus Enthusiastically

1. When Jesus is addressing the men in Matthew 4:19, He calls on them to become *"fishers of men?"* How did they respond to this call? (verse 20)
2. What crucial knowledge do we gain from Philippians 2:13 in regard to following Jesus? As His followers *Who* now *"works in us?"*

Tuesday: Matthew 4:20; I Peter 1:14; II Corinthians 5:15

Follow Jesus Obediently

3. Peter and the others *"immediately left their nets and followed Him"* according to Matthew 4:20. How does this action set an example for us?"
4. II Corinthians 5:15 states that we should *"no longer live for ourselves."* *Who* then are we called to live for?

Wednesday: Matthew 4:20; Psalm 119:60; John 2:5

Follow Jesus Immediately

5. Both Matthew 4:20 and Psalm 119:60 show examples of *immediate* obedience to Jesus. How would YOU define those who delay in following?
6. In John 2:5, why does Mary, Mother of Jesus address the servants as she did regarding their obedience? What *level* of obedience is she calling them to?

Thursday: Matthew 4:20, 16:24-25; Luke 9:23

Follow Jesus Sacrificially

7. As Jesus commanded Peter and the others to *"follow Him"* What did they *leave behind* without any hesitation according to Matthew 4:20?
8. Matthew 16:25 states: *"whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."* What is this calling us to?
9. In Luke 9:23 Jesus calls those that follow Him to *"deny himself, and take up his cross daily."* How *often* are YOU achieving this on a daily basis?

Friday: Matthew 4:19; I Timothy 1:15; Luke 14:23

Follow Jesus Evangelistically

10. Why does Jesus refer to Peter and the others as *"fishers of men?"* What will be their mission now that they are following Jesus? (Matt. 4:19)
11. What is confirmed by Paul in I Timothy 1:15 in regard to Jesus' mission on earth? Who specifically did Paul say He came to save?
12. Luke 14:23 calls us to *"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house be filled."* When did YOU last evangelize?