

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

Luther & Martha Smith | Papua New Guinea



PRAISE

- Praise God for clearly directing Luther and Martha back to the United States and for providing precious time with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.
- Praise God for His provision of housing, transportation, and the ability for Dawn to enjoy important family milestones, including Emma’s birthday and Dylan’s graduation.
- Praise God for continued encouragement from the ministry in Papua New Guinea and for His faithfulness in arranging needed medical appointments and care.

PRAY

- Pray for the Smith’s daughter-in-law, Dawn’s health, that God would ease her pain, fight infection, and give sustaining grace to her and the entire family.
- Pray for Luther’s upcoming angiogram and other medical evaluations, as well as wisdom and good health for both Luther and Martha.
- Pray for approval of the Bible school land leases in Papua New Guinea, as these are vital for ministry’s homes, classrooms, chapel, and student housing, and pray for a smooth return in Aug

Reach Out To Neighbors & Nations

Luke 24:47 holds profound significance, encapsulating a pivotal moment in the Christian faith. This verse reminds us of the call to spread the message of repentance and forgiveness to all nations, emphasizing the universal scope of salvation. Have you ever pondered the impact of sharing such a transformative message in your own life and community? This verse invites us to reflect on our role as ambassadors of hope, urging us to understand the depth of its meaning and the importance of its context within the biblical narrative.

The meaning of Luke 24:47 centers around two powerful concepts: repentance and forgiveness. In this verse, Jesus instructs His disciples to proclaim the necessity of repentance, which signifies a change of heart and mind away from sin. This call to repentance is not merely about feeling remorseful; it is about a transformative shift that leads to a reorientation towards God.

Forgiveness, as mentioned in the verse, is the divine gift that follows true repentance. It allows individuals to be reconciled with God, freeing them from the weight of their sins. This verse emphasizes that this message of repentance and forgiveness is not restricted to a select few but is intended for all nations, indicating the inclusive nature of Christ’s mission.

In a broader spiritual context, Luke 24:47 serves as a reminder that every believer is called to share the Gospel. The urgency embedded in this verse calls us to action, inspiring us to reach out to those who have yet to hear the good news and extend the transformative power of repentance and forgiveness to everyone we encounter.

Resource: bibleverseexplained.com

KEY VERSE

Luke 24:47 (NKJV)

“and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

Read Luke 24:44-49 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 24:26,47; Matthew 26:39; I Corinthians 15:1-4

Reach Out By Necessity

1. What crucial facts do we gather from Luke 24:26? What did Christ have to *endure* before raising up from the dead on the third day?
2. What is the statement being presented to us within I Corinthians 15:1-4? What must we “*receive*” in order to be saved?

Tuesday: Luke 13:3, 24:47a, I Corinthians 1:21; Acts 3:19, 4:12

Reach Out Through Preaching

3. As followers of Christ, what are we being called upon *to do* according to I Corinthians 1:21?
4. Acts 3:19 states; “*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.*” What happens to those who don’t repent? (Luke 13:3)

Wednesday: Acts 1:8, 20:20, Matt. 11:39, 28:19a; Rev. 7:9-10

Reach Out To All Nations Beginning With Neighbors

5. Acts 1:8 is a clear command calling us to witness not only to our neighbors but all nations? How can we encourage one another to expand our witness?
6. What does Revelation 7:9-10 teach us in regard to spreading the Gospel? If we commit ourselves, can widespread conversion take place?

Thursday: Luke 24:48; Mark 5:19

Reach Out As A Witness

7. Jesus addressed His disciples after His death and resurrection saying; “*And you are witnesses to these things.*” How can we be “witnesses” for Christ?
8. Jesus cast out the demon according to Mark 5:19? After doing so what does Jesus tell the man, now freed from the demon, to go do?
9. Sharing *my testimony* of how God has worked in my own life has been a powerful tool for witnessing. When did you last share YOURS?

Friday: Luke 24:49; I Corinthians 2:4-5

Reach Out In The Holy Spirit

10. As Jesus addresses His disciples in Luke 24:29, He says; “*I send the Promise of My Father upon you.*” What is the “*Promise*” referring to?
11. What is the lesson of I Corinthians 2:4-5? What does it tell us about relying on “*human wisdom*?” Should we?
12. The Word of God tells us that we should not lean on our own understanding. How *often* do YOU let the Holy Spirit lead? (Prov. 3:5)