

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

Tony and Marcia Haug | Japan



PRAISE

- Praise God for Akemi's desire to obey Christ and remove the remaining idol-related practices from her home.
- Praise God for Mrs. Nakamura's decision to be baptized after salvation.
- Praise God for answered prayer through the preschool open house, generous vehicle provision, and continued ministry opportunities in Japan.

PRAY

- Pray for Akemi's continued spiritual growth and freedom from fear, idol worship, and past traditions.
- Pray for salvation, discipleship, and church growth, including Kihara Takehisa, SCBC worker training, and Tenjin Christ Bible Church.
- Pray for ministry and personal needs, including preschool enrollment, 7 new Kids Academy students, and Marcia's knee replacement recovery.

Send Missionaries Forward On Their Journey

III John 1:6 touches on the importance of love and hospitality within the Christian faith. The Apostle John wrote this letter to Gaius, commending him for the way he cared for the traveling missionaries. In this particular verse, we see John acknowledging the testimony of these missionaries regarding Gaius's love and hospitality. It highlights not just the act of generosity but the manner in which it is done, pointing towards a godly example. Love is not simply a feeling; it is action—it is about how we treat others, especially those in need of support and care.

Love has a profound impact on how we interact with each other in our communities. By offering hospitality, we reflect the love of Christ and make it known to those around us. This principle reflects a significant foundation of our faith, encouraging us to bring others along in a manner that honors God. By extending kindness and generosity, we invest in the spiritual journey of others while cultivating a community of support and caring.

When we look further into 3 John 1:6, we can see that hospitality had a significant role in the early church. In this context, missionaries would travel from place to place, sharing the message of Christ and spreading the good news. Oftentimes, these individuals depended on the hospitality of believers to sustain them during their journeys. Gaius, by welcoming these missionaries, was living out a loved-filled life in alignment with Christian teachings.

As we reflect on this verse, we see the call to support one another, especially those who are serving the gospel. This act of support is not limited to just physical provisions, but it extends to emotional and spiritual encouragement as well. When we think about how we can aid those in ministry or those in our community, we can make a huge difference in uplifting their spirits. It's a reminder that our actions matter and can profoundly affect others in their walk of faith.

The phrase “send them on their journey in a manner that honors God” serves as a powerful reminder of our responsibility as believers. We aren't simply to provide for others while expecting nothing in return, but rather to do so as a way of honoring God. Our service, hospitality, and acts of kindness should reflect the love of Christ, which is at the heart of our faith. This matters not just for our personal growth but also for those we assist through our actions.

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KEY VERSE

III John 1:6 (NKJV)

“who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well.”

Read III John 1:5-8 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: III John 1:5; Hebrews 11:1

Sending Missionaries Demonstrates Faith

1. What was Paul’s purpose for writing the letter to Gaius in III John 1:5? What did he convey to Gaius in regard to his service?
2. What is the key lesson that Hebrews 11:1 teaches us about our journey as missionaries? *What* is the key ingredient we must have to move forward?

Tuesday: III John 1:6a; II Thessalonians 5:12-13

Sending Missionaries Shows Love

3. What can we gather from the verse III John 1:6a? Why is it important that *we be known* for our kindness, hospitality and Christian love?
4. What is the message in II Thessalonians 5:12-13 calling us to as members of the church? What should we always “express” to our missionaries?

Wednesday: III John 1:6b; Luke 19:10

Sending Missionaries Honors God

5. III John 1:6b tells us to send our missionaries on their mission “*in a manner worthy of God.*” How do YOU help to achieve this in your church?
6. We are told that “*the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*” How should this motivate *us* to follow in *His* footsteps?(Lk.19:10)

Thursday: III John 1:7; I Corinthians 9:14

Sending Missionaries Testifies To The Unsaved

7. III John 1:7 states; “*because they went forth for His name’s sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.*” What does this say about their *selflessness*?
8. In looking at I Corinthians 9:14, what can we gather in regard to supporting missions? How can a “well sponsored” mission impact a non-believer?
9. Helping to support missions groups enables us take part in serving the Great Commission! How many missionaries does your church support?

Friday: III John 1:8; Romans 10:14-15a; Philippians 4:16-17

Sending Missionaries Fulfills Obedience & Makes Us Fellow Workers

10. What does III John 1:8 call us to as followers of Jesus Christ? Is it God’s will that we work together as a team?
11. What is the clear command given to us as believers in Romans 10:14-15a? How “far and wide” are we called to preach the Gospel?
12. What lessons can we learn in regard to our “giving” from Philippians 4:16-17? Can *our generosity* help to create a cycle of giving?