

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

Tom & Janice Crawford | Indonesia



PRAISE

- Praise God for continued opportunities to serve, with churches growing, young leaders stepping into ministry, and ongoing progress in Indonesia, Batam, and Nias.
- Praise God for a successful laser surgery and encouraging progress in Tom's recovery, allowing him to gradually return to ministry.
- Praise God for His provision through faithful supporters, including the near completion of the new junior high school building in Batam.

PRAY

- Pray for Tom's complete recovery, giving him wisdom to rest, patience during healing, and strength to return to ministry in God's timing.
- Pray for the churches, schools, and ministry leaders in Indonesia, Batam, and Nias, that they would remain spiritually strong and continue reaching others for Christ.
- Pray for upcoming ministry opportunities, including the missions conference, the completion and furnishing of the school building, and for God to raise up Christ-centered leaders and teachers.

Commit To Reach One More

Acts 11:23 illustrates a pivotal moment in the early Christian church. When Barnabas arrived in Antioch, he was overwhelmed with joy over the kindness and favor God had shown to the people there. Barnabas recognized the grace of God at work, leading many to faith and transformation. This verse highlights just how crucial it is to appreciate the blessings of God in our lives and encourage others in their faith journey.

Barnabas not only recognized the grace of God but also took action. He encouraged the people to stay committed in their faith to the Lord. This serves as a vital reminder for us today. Instead of merely observing the good that comes from God, we, too, should strive to uplift and motivate those around us. Being an encourager can foster a strong community of believers who support each other in their relationship with God.

Barnabas urged the believers in Antioch to remain true to the Lord "with all their hearts." This phrase is especially significant. It points to the kind of commitment required of us as followers of Christ. We're called to not just accept faith intellectually but to embrace it wholeheartedly. Barnabas knew that faith demands every part of our being, influencing our thoughts, actions, and motives. His encouragement reminds us that faith is not a passive exercise; rather, it involves our whole selves in seeking a relationship with God.

Acts 11:23 challenges us to be mindful of our own role within the community of believers. We have the opportunity to encourage and guide others, just as Barnabas did. Our words and actions can uplift those around us and help them stay on their path with God. We must step up and ensure that we are being positive influences. This verse inspires us to not merely witness God's work but also actively participate in it by sharing encouragement and joy with fellow believers.

Resource: Scriptruesavvy.com

KEY VERSE

Acts 11:23 (NKJV)

“When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.”

Read Acts 11:19-24 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:23

Introduction

1. What is the key “action” that Acts 11:23 is calling us to as believers? What specifically did Barnabas do for the people of Antioch? (see pg. 1, par. 1)
2. What can we gather from paragraph 4 on page 1 in regard to our influence on others? What can our “words and actions” do for others around us?

Tuesday: John 15:16; John 20:21

Global Missions Demands Crossing Boundaries

3. What is Jesus conveying to His disciples in John 15:16? What mission is He “passing on” to them according to this verse?
4. Jesus indicates in John 20:21 that “*the Father*” had sent Him on His mission. *Who* is sending the disciples on theirs? *Where* are they going?

Wednesday: Acts 1:8

Missions Means Movement: Going In His Name To Reach All Nations

5. Before Jesus’ ascension into Heaven He tells His disciples they will be given the power of “what force” to witness to Jerusalem and others? (Acts 1:8)
6. Can we make disciples of other nations without the power of the Holy Spirit? Where and how do you get YOUR “Spirit infusion” on a daily basis?

Thursday: Acts 11:22-24; Acts 11:25-26

Global Missions Requires Cutting Through Barriers

7. In Acts 11:22-24 Barnabas is sent to Antioch, a city of diverse culture and languages? How did he win over and ultimately encourage these people?
8. Barnabas goes to Tarsus to seek Paul that he might bring him back to Antioch. Together, what did they achieve over the next year? (Acts 11:26)
9. What barriers have you encountered in YOUR missions? What did you use to overcome them? Give us your testimony!

Friday: Acts 14:14; Matthew 24:14

Global Missions Means Constructing Bridges

10. Barnabas and Paul were “point people” for the Gospel of Christ. So, why did they “*tear their clothes*” in Acts 14:14?
11. What message is being conveyed to us within Matthew 24:14? While we are *all* called to share the Gospel, do we have forever to do that?
12. What ministries are you involved in that employ your witness? Are there mission trips or even outreach opportunities YOU can get involved with?