

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

Sharon Mihill | Papua New Guinea



PRAISE

- Praise God for great progress with the Jiw literacy program! The team developed five Primers, five Readers, flashcards, and made a strong start on the Teacher's Manual.
- Praise God for His protection in Colombia! The team remained safe through the earthquake and was away from the city during concerns about possible unrest.
- Praise God for His faithful provision! From cooler weather during a planned power outage to the power returning when the heat arrived, God graciously met the team's needs.

PRAY

- Pray for the Jiw team as they prepare to begin the literacy program, develop Bible lessons, and continue translating the New Testament.
- Pray for more laborers to take the Gospel to people around the world who are still waiting to hear about Christ.
- Pray for Sharon's upcoming literacy trip to Brazil in mid-October as she learns alongside those training teachers and preparing new missionaries for future literacy work.

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

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Study Date: 09/20/26

Pardon: Ask For Forgiveness

In Luke 11:4, we come across a powerful verse during a moment when Jesus teaches His disciples about prayer. This verse is part of the Lord's Prayer, a model of prayer that has been cherished by Christians for centuries. In this specific verse, we are reminded of the importance of forgiveness and protection from temptation. The verse emphasizes two key elements: the act of forgiving others and the plea to be led away from temptation.

When we say, "forgive us our sins," we acknowledge our weaknesses and recognize that we can make mistakes. This is important because it allows us to approach God with humility, knowing that we are not perfect. Our sins create a separation between us and God, and through prayer, we seek to mend that relationship. By asking for forgiveness, we take a step toward healing and restoration in our walk with Him.

The verse further states, "for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us." This illustrates the reciprocal nature of forgiveness. We are called to extend the same grace we desire from God to those around us. Forgiving others is not always easy, but it is essential, as holding onto grudges can weigh us down spiritually and emotionally. Jesus teaches that as we forgive others, we not only free them but also free ourselves. It is an expression of love and mercy that reflects our relationship with God.

Forgiveness is a theme that runs throughout Jesus' teachings. The idea of forgiving others is echoed in other parts of the Bible, reinforcing its importance in our relationship with God. In Matthew 6:14-15, we read that if we forgive others when they sin against us, our Heavenly Father will also forgive us. Yet if we do not forgive others, then our Father will not forgive us our sins. This further emphasizes the interconnectedness of our relationships with God and one another.

Resource: Christianitypath.com

KEY VERSE

Luke 11:4a (NKJV)

“And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Read Luke 11:2-4, Matthew 6:9-13 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 11:4a; Matthew 6:9-13; Lam. 3:40; Ps. 139:23-24

Inspect Your Life

1. What are we asking for within the prayer of Luke 11:4a? Why will our Father in heaven grant us forgiveness according to this verse?
2. According to Lamentations 3:40, what “spiritual discipline” do we need to execute to *“turn back to the Lord?”*

Tuesday: I Timothy 2:5; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:5

Confess Every Sin

3. *Who* is the only source we are to confess our sin to according to I Timothy 2:5? Is there any priest or pastor that can take away our sin?
4. Is there any way that we can “cover” our sins? What will be the reward for those of us who adhere to Proverbs 28:13?

Wednesday: Revelation 12:10b; Psalm 86:15; 1 John 1:9

Believe God Has Cleansed You

5. In Revelation 12:10b who is the *“accuser of our brethren?”* Who doesn’t want us to enjoy being “clean” before God?
6. Does Psalm 86:15 leave any doubt that our God cleanses us of our sin? What is our God *“full of”* according to this verse?

Thursday: James 5:16a; Luke 19:8-9

Make Restitution When You Can

7. Making restitution to someone is basically saying you’re sorry! Sometimes saying sorry can be difficult. Is there someone YOU need to say sorry to?
8. Most often, we use “words” to make restitution with others we’ve wronged. How does James 5:16a encourage us to do this?
9. As mentioned above, we often use “words” to make restitution. That said, how can “works” be even more effective in some situations? (Luke 19:8-9)

Friday: Mat. 6:14-15; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 12:15; Col. 2:14

Release Those Who Have Hurt You

10. What does Matthew 6:14-15 warn us of in regard to forgiveness? What will be our consequences if we do not forgive others?
11. When we are wronged it is natural to want revenge. However, Romans 12:19 says “vengeance” belongs to *Who*?
12. What lesson is Colossians 2:14 teaching us in regard to “holding on to to hurt?” Do YOU have a *hurt* that needs to be nailed to the cross?