

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

- A former student was recently ordained, Pastor Keven Ingawo. Luther had the privilege to sit on his ordination board.

- The Wau Baptist Church recently held a ladies conference with over 200 ladies in attendance from 7 different church. It was a very encouraging time.

- A recent visit from Jason Ottosen and his family was a real blessing. Jason was able to preach at multiples church and his entire family was able to help with Bible School.

PRAY

- That the Lord keeps proving that our work is not in vain by impacting lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



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Handout: 11/12/23

Study Date: 11/19/23

God’s Five Purposes For Your Life

Acts 11:23

Barnabas has been sent by the leadership of the Jerusalem church to validate that Gentiles in Syrian Antioch are really coming to a saving faith in Jesus. He's the perfect man for the job for several reasons. He is so gracious that he's given the name "son of encouragement." He's so fearless that he was the only one who would meet with Saul, the great persecutor of the church, to see if his conversion was real. And he's from Cyprus, which is just west of Antioch and the home of many of the Jesus-followers who are preaching to the Gentiles.

It takes a leader open to the Holy Spirit to enter a God-ordained situation and affirm it, instead of judging it and trying to control it. When Barnabas walks in, he doesn't see a bunch of former-pagans who need to change their sinful practices and become more like devout Jews. He sees the grace of God working in the world like He promised. He sees God's promise to Abraham—that his line would bless the world—come to fruition. He understands that heaven celebrates when a sinner comes to Christ. And he experiences the fulfillment of Jesus' commission to the disciples to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

But he also sees that this job is far too big for him. We know, even now, how difficult it is to stay focused on our relationship with God. This church in Antioch includes Jews who see Jesus as the fulfillment but not replacement of Judaism, devout Gentiles who follow Judaism but haven't converted fully, and former pagan-Gentiles who have little understanding of the underlying Jewish traditions and laws. It's significant Barnabas "exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord"; only by concentrating on Jesus can they remain unified as a church.

Resource: BibleRef.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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Mark 12:30; Revelation 4:11; John 4:23

You Were Created To Connect With God

1. What is God's "first commandment" according to Mark 12:30?
2. What are some ways that YOU connect with God on a "daily" basis?

Tuesday: II Peter 3:18; Hebrews 6:1a; Romans 8:29

You Were Created To Grow Spiritually

3. What does Hebrews 6:1 tell us about "leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ"?
4. How does Romans 8:29 impact YOU in terms of Discipleship?

Wednesday: Ephesians 2:19; Romans 12:5; Acts 2:42

You Were Created To Build Community

5. As believers, how do the three scriptures above "call us" to fellowship?
6. In Acts 2:42 how was fellowship demonstrated by the people?

Thursday: Matthew 20:28; I Peter 4:10; Ephesians 2:10

You Were Created To Give Back

7. As the "Son of Man" did not come to be served, but to serve, what does this mean for YOU?
8. What does I Peter 4:10 tell us to do with "our gifts"?
9. What are "your" spiritual gifts? Where and how do you apply them?

Friday: John 17:18; Romans 1:16; II Corinthians 5:20

You Were Created To Transform Lives

10. Who in your life was instrumental in your Transformation to Christ?
11. In this month, how many lives have you spoken "the gospel" into?
12. As believers, what is John 17:18 calling us to do?