

## How Can I Become A Christian?

1. Admit that God is not first in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins. (*1 John 1:9*)
2. Believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose again on Easter and is alive today. (*Romans 10:9*)
3. Accept God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it. (*Ephesians 2:8,9*)
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (Lord) of your life. (*John 1:12~13*)

### **What to pray:**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. Please come into my life and make me a new person. From now on I want You to be the director of my life. Amen.

## How Can I Become A Member of Kenmore Community Church?

1. Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
2. Be baptized by immersion if you have not been already.
3. Attend the class "Discovering Church Membership" which is offered periodically through- out the year.
4. Indicate your interest in joining the church on the Communication Card or by calling the church office at 425-486-7487.

## WISDOM AND FOOLISHNESS

1 Corinthians 1:18~31

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**Main Thought:** God's wisdom is primarily revealed in the cross of Jesus Christ, but not everybody sees that. In 1 Corinthians 1:18~31, Paul points out that there are three different attitudes toward the cross.

### 1. SOME \_\_\_\_\_ AT THE CROSS.

- 1) Jesus was not the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews were looking for.
- 2) The Jews had a \_\_\_\_\_ concept of salvation.
- 3) Similar \_\_\_\_\_ exist in our day.

### 2. SOME \_\_\_\_\_ AT THE CROSS.

- 1) The Greeks wanted \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The Greeks had a \_\_\_\_\_ concept of salvation.
- 3) Similar \_\_\_\_\_ exist in our day.

### 3. SOME \_\_\_\_\_ AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER AND WISDOM OF THE CROSS.

- 1) The Apostle Paul and the \_\_\_\_\_ in Corinth.
- 2) What about \_\_\_\_\_?

For Next Week Read 1 Corinthians 2

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18~31

2. What insight from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

3. Paul contrasts the "message of the cross" with the "wisdom of the world." What is "the message of the cross" (v 18)? The following verses may help you with the answer:

Isaiah 53:4~6

1 Corinthians 15:3

Philippians 2:6~11

Colossians 1:19~23

4. Why is this message foolishness to those who are perishing and the power of God to believers (v 18)?

5. Why is the crucified Messiah a "stumbling block to Jews" (v 23)? (See Deuteronomy 21:23, Isaiah 9:6~7, Galatians 3:13) See what you can discover about the kind of Messiah the Jews were looking for.

6. Why did the Greeks find the message of the cross foolishness? See what you can discover about their philosophies and beliefs.

7. Why do you think some people find the message of the cross foolishness today? What reasons have you heard? How can we get through to such people with the Gospel?

8. According to 1:19~31, why did God choose to express His power through foolishness, weakness, and lowliness?

9. How has God made "foolish" the wisdom of the world (v 20)?

10. Paul explains in 1:30 that Christ is real wisdom for us in that He is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. What do these words mean and how is Christ each of these for us?

11. What implications do the following verses have for your life as you "live the difference"?

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength" (1:25)

"Let him who boasts boast in the Lord" (1:31)