

## 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.

## MARRIAGE AND SINGELNESS

**1 Corinthians 7:1~40**

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**Main Thought:** In 1 Corinthians 7, we can discover some important principles concerning Christian marriage by examining Paul's counsel to three different groups of believers.

### 1. CHRISITANS MARRIED TO \_\_\_\_\_, (vv 1~6, 10~11)

- 1) The questions being addressed
- 2) God's will for marriage: monogamy and heterosexuality (v 2)
- 3) The principle of mutual sexual responsibility (vv 3~6)
- 4) Divorce and separation for Christian couples (vv 10~11)

### 2. CHRISTIANS MARRIED TO \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 12~24)

- 1) The question being addressed
- 2) Divorce and re-marriage when a Christian is married to a non-Christian (vv 12~16)
- 3) The principle: You can live for God where you are right now (vv 18~24)

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ CHRISTIANS (vv 7~9, 25~40)

- 1) The question being addressed
- 2) Consider your gift (vv 7~9, 36~40)
- 3) Consider your circumstances (vv 25~31)
- 4) Consider your ministry (vv 32~35)

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:1~40
2. What insight from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. In this chapter, the Apostle Paul begins to deal with some questions that the church in Corinth had addressed to him. After reading the chapter, what questions do you think they were they asking?
4. Paul begins where he left off in chapter six, with sexual immorality. Although Paul agrees that celibacy is good (v 1), why is it impractical for most people (vv 2, 7, 9)?
5. What practical advice does Paul give to the unmarried and the married for avoiding sexual immorality (vv 2~9)?
6. Paul's emphasis is not on what a spouse should expect but what a spouse should give (vv 3~5)? Why is this emphasis important? How would this attitude of giving transform marriages you know?
7. In verses 10~11, answers some questions about marriage and divorce among believers. How do his statements affirm what Jesus had already taught? (see Mark 10:2~12, Matthew 19:1~9, Deuteronomy 24:1~4)
8. In verses 12~16, Paul discusses a situation not covered by Jesus' teaching in the Gospels – marriages between Christians and non-Christians. Why might a Christian be tempted to divorce a non-Christian?
9. According to Paul, what are some of the benefits of remaining in a spiritually mixed marriage?
10. Under what circumstances would Paul seemingly allow for divorce and why (vv 15~16)?
11. What principle does Paul address in verses 17~24? What question from the Corinthians seems to lie behind his comments?
12. In verses 25~40, Paul seems to be addressing those considering marriage. What considerations should be taken into account by those thinking about marriage?