

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.

PURSUE WISDOM (Part 1)

Proverbs 1:1-7

Main Thought: Because the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, we should seek to understand the elements involved in it.

1. _____ AND _____ (Psalm 33:8)

2. TURNING FROM _____ (Prov. 8:13)

3. HUMBLE _____ (Prov. 14:2)

4. HEALTHY _____ (Ex. 20:20)

5. GROWING IN OUR _____ OF GOD
(Prov. 9:10)

Application: Have you wised up? Do you fear the Lord? Which element of the fear of the Lord do you need to pursue more thoroughly?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

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

2. Who wrote the Book of Proverbs? (See 1:1; 24:17; 30:1; 31:1)

3. The Background of Solomon:

1) How did he acquire his wisdom? (1 Kings 3:5-15)

2) How did his wisdom become known? (1 Kings 3:16-28; 4:29-34; 10:1-10, 24-25)

3) What contributed to his downfall? (1 Kings 11:1-13)

4. What is a proverb? Are they promises that we can count on to be true 100% of the time? Or are they statements of godly wisdom that indicate how life works most of the time?

5. Why should we study the book of Proverbs? What are we supposed to learn from all these bits and pieces of wisdom? (Prov. 1:1-6)

6. Is a "smart" person necessarily a "wise" person? What's the difference?

7. Proverbs 1:7 states the theme of the book. How do people display "the fear of the Lord" in the following passages:

1) Exodus 20:18-21

2) Joshua 2:1-14

3) Job 1:1, 4-5

4) Psalm 112:1; 128:1

8. In light of Pastor Mark's message and these cross-references, how would you define "the fear of the Lord" in your own words?

9. Why do you think "the fear of the Lord" is the first step toward knowledge and wisdom?

10. Do you "fear the Lord"? What evidence is there in your life that you "fear the Lord"? What will you do this week to grow in your "fear of the Lord"?