

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.

TAKE INITIATIVE Various Proverbs

Main Thought: The book of Proverbs challenges the wise person to work diligently and not be lazy.

1. MARKS OF A _____
 - 1) Love of _____ (26:14; 6:9-10; 24:33; 20:13)
 - 2) Inability to _____ (10:4; 21:25-26)
 - 3) Inability to _____ a task (19:24; 26:15)
 - 4) _____ (20:4; 22:13; 26:13)
 - 5) All talk no _____ through (13:4; 14:23; 21:25-26)
 - 6) Full of _____ (26:16)
2. _____ OF LAZINESS
 - 1) Self-evident _____ (24:30-34)
 - 2) _____ and want (12:11; 19:15; 20:4; 24:34)
 - 3) Loss of _____ (12:24)
 - 4) _____ about getting nowhere (15:19)
 - 5) An irritated _____ (10:26)
3. THE INDUSTRIOUS HARD _____
 - 1) _____ and disciplined (6:6-8)
 - 2) Knows the _____ of doing work when it needs to be done (10:4-5; 20:4; 28:19)
 - 3) Receives _____ (22:29)
 - 4) _____ for his/her industriousness (10:4; 13:4)
4. AREAS WHERE WE MAY NEED TO TAKE _____
 - 1) Personal _____
 - 2) Diligent _____
 - 3) _____ well-being
 - 4) _____ matters
 - 5) Relationship to _____

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. What's your favorite excuse for not doing something that you know needs to be done?

3. Read Proverbs 6:6-8; 13:4; 15:19; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:14-16.

4. What are the characteristics of a lazy person that you find in this collection of proverbs?

5. Do you see any characteristics of a lazy person in these proverbs that surprise you? Explain.

6. In these proverbs, what character qualities are contrasted with laziness?

7. Proverbs 15:19 shows us a surprising thing – a lazy person works harder than anyone else (that is, when he or she works at all). Why?

8. Solomon is extremely critical of resting. But God's command to work for six days and rest on the seventh (Exodus 20:8-11) puts Solomon's teaching into its full biblical perspective. From that passage and what you've seen in Proverbs, what would you say is a healthy attitude about work and rest?

9. Being lazy and being a workaholic are both destructive behaviors. What do you think are the heart level sins and false beliefs that produce these behaviors? And how does a person repent of and break free from these sins?

10. Pastor Mark mentioned five areas where we might need to take more initiative: personal relationships, diligence in our work, physical well-being, money matters, and relationship to God. Which one most applies to you? What will you do this week to improve in that area?