

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.

CULTIVATE COMPASSION

Proverbs 14:31

Main Thought: The Book of Proverbs challenges the wise person to cultivate compassion for those in need by taking the following steps.

1. WE NEED TO _____ THAT GOD CARES ABOUT THE _____, (Prov. 14:31; 19:17; 22:9, 22-23)

2. WE _____ TO OPEN OUR _____, (Prov. 28:27).

3. WE _____ TO EXTEND OUR _____, (Prov. 31:20).

4. WE NEED TO _____ PERSONAL _____ WITH THOSE IN NEED, (Prov. 22:2; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:5-11).

Application: What will you do this week to cultivate compassion for those in need? _____

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 do you think most people would say Christians are known for?

3. What do you think Christians SHOULD be known for?

4. If your response to #1 and #2 are different, why do you think this is true?

5. What do the following Proverbs reveal about God's concern for the poor and what our attitude should be toward those in need?

Prov. 14:31

Prov. 19:17

Prov. 22:9

Prov. 22:22-23

6. According to the following Proverbs, what puts people in poverty?

Prov. 13:18, 23

Prov. 23:21

Prov. 22:13

Prov. 26:15

Can you think of other reasons why people end up in need?

7. In our day, being a Christian has often been reduced to a personal and private transaction "trusting in Jesus to save us, forgive our sins, and give us a ticket to heaven." What do the following verses reveal about Jesus' whole mission in life and His mission for you and me?

Read Luke 4:16-21

Do you think the points of Jesus' mission are to be interpreted in a spiritual sense or a literal sense?

Why do you think that those who are poor are specifically identified as having the good news preached to them?

Read James 1:27; 2:1-9

What do you think of verse 27 being a simple measuring stick regarding the authenticity of our faith in Christ?

What should our attitude be toward those who are poor?

Why does it seem so tempting to be attracted to people with wealth and power, but almost ignore the poor?

Read Matthew 25:31-46

Based on the immediate context of this passage, who are the "least of these brothers of mine?" Who in your life today are "the least?"

Jesus words seem to indicate that we will go to heaven or hell based on our actions. This seems to contradict Eph. 2:8-9 which says we are saved by grace. How can the two thoughts be reconciled?

8. What will you do this week to cultivate compassion for and help those who are in need?