

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

**A GOSPEL OF CONVERSION AND TRANSFORMATION
Galatians 1:11-24**

Main Thought: When a person genuinely puts their faith and trust in Jesus, their life is radically transformed by God.

1. THE GOSPEL WAS _____ TO PAUL BY GOD. (vv 11-12)
2. PAUL'S _____ AND _____.
 - 1) His life _____ conversion. (vv 13-14, Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-2)
 - 2) _____ he came to Christ. (vv 15-16, Acts 9)
 - 3) His life _____ coming to Christ. (vv 17-24)
3. LESSONS FOR _____ TO _____ AND _____.
 - 1) The Gospel comes from _____.
 - 2) Conversion and transformation are _____ that depend on God alone.
 - 3) The worst sinner is within the reach of God's _____.
 - 4) _____ believers have a _____ to tell.
 - (1) Describe your life _____ coming to Christ.
 - (2) Describe _____ you came to Christ.
 - (3) Describe your life _____ coming to Christ.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read through the Book of Galatians.
2. What themes, concepts, principles stand out to you?
3. Read Galatians 1:11-24.
4. Why was it important for Paul that people understand that the gospel was not made up by men and that he did not receive it from men but directly from God? (vv 11-12)
5. What was Paul's life like before he trusted in Christ? (See Galatians 1:13-14; Phil. 3:4b-6; Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-2)
6. What were the circumstances surrounding Paul's conversion? (See Galatians 1:15-16; Acts 9)
7. Who does Paul credit for his conversion? (vv 15-16)
8. How was Paul's life transformed after he trusted in Christ? Where did he go? Why? (vv 17-24) What else do you know from the Bible about how Paul's life was transformed? (See Acts 11-28)
9. What plan did Jesus have for Paul's life? (Acts 9:15-16)
10. What was your life like before you trusted in Christ?
11. What were the circumstances surrounding your conversion to Christ?
12. How has your life changed since you trusted in Christ?
13. What is one lesson God has taught you lately?
14. Who will you share your testimony with this week?