

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.

James 1:1-12

Message Notes
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Missional Reconciliation
2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2.
2. What does it mean that believers in Christ are a “new creation” (5:17)? How do John 3:3 and Romans 6:4 clarify?
3. What is the means by which God reconciles people to himself (5:19)?
4. What does it mean that we are “ambassadors” for Christ (5:20a)? What are ambassadors and what do they do?
5. Does God leave us alone on this mission? What role does God have in our ministry of reconciliation (5:20b)? See also 6:1 and 1 Corinthians 3:9.
6. What does it mean that Jesus “knew no sin” (5:21)? Read 1 Peter 2:22.
7. Read Romans 8:1-4. How is this passage similar to 2 Corinthians 5:21?
8. What example of “failing to obtain God’s grace” does Hebrews 12:15 provide?
9. What example of “falling away from grace” does Galatians 5:4 provide? How does this passage contrast with the popular idea of “falling from grace” (i.e. sin in a big way)?
10. What does it mean to “receive the grace of God in vain” (6:1)?
11. Is there something in your life that is hindering you from your mission?
12. How can you individually participate in the mission of reconciliation?
13. How can KCC participate in the mission of reconciliation to its own mission field (its neighbors)?