

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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Horizontal Reconciliation
Ephesians 2:1 1-22
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Ephesians 2:11-22.
2. What was our status as Gentiles before we knew Christ (v12)? What do you think these descriptions mean?
3. By what means have we been brought near to God (v13)?
4. What did Jesus do in order to bring unity (v14)?
5. Verse 15 tells us that Jesus abolished the “law of commandments and ordinances.” What do you think this means?
6. There are two results that come from Jesus “abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances.” One result is in verse 15, and the second is in verse 16. What are they (v15-16)?
7. Who are those who were “near” and who are those who were “far” (v17)?
8. What status do we Gentiles have in Christ (v19)?
9. With what metaphor is the body of Christ described in verses 19-22?
10. What does verse 20 tell us about the role of Jesus and the New Testament scriptures to our faith?
11. How does seeing our history as Gentiles (“pagans”) help you be grateful for your salvation?
12. What are some “tribes” that exist in our communities and country?
13. How does this passage help us think about reconciliation with the hostile tribes in our societies and communities?
14. How might God use Kenmore Community Church to bring reconciliation and show Christ’s peace to our community?