

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.

MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

Genesis 1:27-28, 2:24-25; Romans 1:24-27

Main Thought: In light of what the Bible says about God's design for marriage and homosexuality, we should reject the idea of same sex marriage.

1. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT MARRIAGE?

1) God's design for marriage is one man and one woman in a lifelong sexual and covenantal union with a view to multiplying the human race. (Gen. 1:27-28, 2:24-25; Matt. 19:4-6)

2) Jesus gave only two options for the expression of our sexuality: heterosexual marriage or celibacy. (Matt. 19:1-12)

3) The marriage relationship between husband and wife, male and female, is covenantally significant as a portrayal of the relationship between Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:24-32)

2. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE PRACTICE OF HOMOSEXUALITY?

1) The Bible says that the practice of homosexuality is sin. (Lev. 18:22, 20:13; Rom. 1:26-28; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)

2) The Bible does not describe the practice of homosexuality as a "greater" sin than any other. (1 Cor. 6:9-10)

3) God promises the strength for victory over sin, including homosexuality, to all those who believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. (1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Phil. 4:13)

3. HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE ISSUE?

- 1) We are to be salt and light in our culture. (Matt. 5:13-16)
- 2) We should be guided by the Word of God not what we think is right or wrong in our own eyes.
- 3) We should be compassionate towards and share the transforming grace of God with those struggling with homosexuality or any other sin.
- 4) Final thoughts on Referendum 74

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. Read Genesis 1:27-28, 2:24-25. What do you see as God's design for and definition of marriage?
3. Read Ephesians 5:24-32. What relationship is meant to be reflected by the marriage relationship of one man with one woman? How would that image be altered if the definition of marriage is changed in our culture?

4. What do we learn about options for expressing our sexuality from Jesus in Matthew 19:1-12?

5. What does the Bible say about the practice of homosexuality? (See Lev. 18:22, 20:13; Rom. 1:26-28; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)

6. Some people say these verses are talking about homosexual prostitution or promiscuity but not a lifelong monogamous homosexual relationship. See if you can research how they come to that conclusion and how to respond to those interpretations. Record your findings here.

7. What should be our response to people dealing with homosexuality or any other sin?

8. How can we be salt and light in our culture when it comes to this issue and other issues that are contrary to the Word of God? (Matt. 5:13-16)