

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.

COMPASSION IN ACTION

Luke 7:1-50

Main Thought: Jesus' responses to four hurting people in Luke 7:1-50 should motivate us as His followers to also be people of compassion.

1. JESUS' RESPONSE TO FAITH (vv 1-10).

1) The centurion and his situation

2) Jesus' response

3) What can we learn?

2. JESUS' RESPONSE TO DESPAIR (vv 11-17).

1) The widow and her situation

2) Jesus' response

3) What can we learn?

3. JESUS' RESPONSE TO DOUBT (vv 18-35).

1) John the Baptist and his situation

2) Jesus' response

3) What can we learn?

4. JESUS' RESPONSE TO LOVE (vv 36-50).

1) The sinful woman and her situation

2) The response of Simon

3) The response of Jesus

4) What can we learn?

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 Luke 7:1-10

1) What is a Roman Centurion? How are they portrayed here and elsewhere in Scripture? (see Mt 27:26,54; 28:4, 11-15; Acts 10:2; 23:17-18; 27:43)

2) On what basis do the elders request Jesus' help?

3) How does their approach differ from the centurion's?

4) What is so amazing about the centurion's faith? What quality of faith does he exhibit?

5) How would you define faith in your own words? What can we do to strengthen our faith?

3. Read Luke 7:11-17

1) This story resembles the one in 2 Kings 4:8-37. In light of that, why did Jesus perform this miracle in Nain?

2) What did He reveal about Himself?

3) What impact did He have on others?

4) How does Jesus' love and authority affect you?

4. Read Luke 7:18-35

1) How does John receive information about Jesus? Why can't he get it firsthand (see 3:20)?

2) What questions does John tell his disciples to ask Jesus? Why? What is John's probable expectation of the way the Messiah ought to act (see 3:16-17)?

3) How does Jesus answer the question? Why doesn't He answer directly? What six things characterize His ministry?

4) From Isaiah 29:18-19; 35:5-6; 61:1, how might John interpret Jesus' reply?

5) How does Jesus affirm John?

6) As great as John was, who is greater?

7) How are the followers of John and Jesus like children proving God's wisdom is right (v 35)?

8) What can we learn about dealing with doubt from this passage?

5. Read Luke 7:36-50

1) What risk was this woman taking in coming to the house of a Pharisee? What does this tell you about her emotional state?

2) What is your impression of Simon?

3) How did Jesus deal with Simon?

4) How did Jesus respond to the woman?

5) What can we learn from this passage that we can apply to our lives this week?