

## 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.

## BE WISE ABOUT USING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 14:1~40

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**Main Thought:** In 1 Corinthians 14, we discover two principles, which should govern the use of spiritual gifts in the church.

1. SPIRITUAL GIFTS SHOULD BE USED TO \_\_\_\_\_ UP THE CHURCH, (vv 1~25).
  - 1) The situation in Corinth: exhibition not exhortation.
  - 2) What is the gift of tongues?
  - 3) The importance of prophecy, tongues, interpretation, and discernment in the early church.
  - 4) Prophecy speaks to human beings while tongues speak to God. (vv 1~3)
  - 5) Prophecy edifies the church, while tongues only edifies the speaker unless it is interpreted. (vv 4~20)
  - 6) Tongues are a turn off to unbelievers and a sign of judgment. (vv 21~22)
  - 7) Prophecy convicts unbelievers of their need for God and draws them to Him. (vv 23~25)
2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS SHOULD BE USED IN AN \_\_\_\_\_ FASHION, (vv 26~40).
  - 1) Abandon Competition. (vv 26~33)
  - 2) Appraise what is spoken. (v 29)
  - 3) Attend to your tongue. (vv 33~35)
  - 4) Accept the Authority of the Word of God. (vv 36~40)

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1~20
2. What insight from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.
3. What do you think it means to "follow the way of love" when it comes to using our spiritual gifts (v 1)?
4. Do some research and see if you can come up with a definition for the spiritual gifts of: prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and discerning of spirits. Why would those gifts be important for the church in Corinth?
5. Evidently, the Corinthians placed great value on the gift of tongues. What do verses 1~5 reveal about why Paul prefers prophecy to (uninterpreted) tongues?
6. What illustration does Paul use to show why (uninterpreted) tongues do not build up the church (vv 6~12)?
7. What remedy does Paul suggest (vv 13~19)?
8. In what ways might we be guilty of meaningless or mindless worship today? How can Paul's counsel improve the quality of your contribution in worship?
9. What do you think Paul means in verse 20 when he says, "stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults"?
10. What does Paul say about the purpose of tongues and prophecy (vv 20~25)? Why would prophetic speech rather than tongues cause visitors to sense God in our midst (vv 23~25)?
11. What guidelines are given for the use of tongues and prophecy in a church service (vv 27~33)?
12. What regulations does Paul give women about speaking or remaining silent, and why (vv 33~35)? How can Paul's statements here be harmonized with his teaching about women routinely praying and prophesying publicly (11:5)?
13. What aspects of the worship service at KCC do you find most helpful and edifying? What aspects do you find distracting?