

TO THE READER: A good learning technique is to answer the following questions BEFORE reading the booklet. After reading, you can refine your answers based on your reading. Then, when your group gathers, each can discuss his or her view and you can either affirm or modify what you wrote.

1. Let's begin with the obvious question: What do you think it means to be converted? When does it happen? How does it happen? (5-8)

2. Think of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. We usually speak of them in this order: Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That is a *logical* order. But in terms of our *experience* of the Trinity, it is the reverse of that order (p. 6). Review the booklet and use a brief phrase to describe the unique work that each Person plays. Then recall your own encounter with each person of the Trinity:
 - a. _____ by the Holy Spirit (p. 11). My encounter with the Holy Spirit *before* my conversion:

 - b. _____ Jesus Christ, God's Son (p. 18). My growing attraction to Jesus leading to my conversion was...

 - c. _____ by God whom I now call my _____ (p. 25). My awareness that I am God's son or daughter happened to me when...

3. What is your story, or testimony, of how you came to Christ? What role did **you** play in this? (8-11)

4. If you came to Christ after early childhood, who made the first move in your conversion – you or the Holy Spirit? (11-17)

5. Would you describe your conversion as a dramatic or gradual turning? (18-25)

6. List some of the evidences that should become more and more evident following a person's true conversion? (18-25)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
7. What is *God's* ultimate goal in your conversion? (25-29)
8. What should be *our* goal following what God has done for us in our conversion? (28-29)
9. One of the benefits of conversion is our being adopted into God's family. As an adopted child, how should we then see the rest of our family? (29-29)

After going through these questions, read the text and altar any answers in preparation for class, noting other questions you might have. [By the way, if you do have any other questions about what you read, write them down here so you remember them at class time.]

APPLICATION

1. 2 Corinthians 13:5 says: *Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you fail to meet the test.* After reading this booklet, are you sure you are *fully* converted? If not, now would be a great time to make sure.
2. If you are fully convinced you are converted and actively living for Jesus, then it is time you take all you have learned and share it with someone during this coming week.

For Further Study

Beginnings: Understanding How We Experience the New Birth, Stephen Smallman. P&R Publishing, 2015.
What is Discipleship?, Stephen Smallman. P&R Publishing, 2011.
What is Regeneration?, Matthew Barrett. P&R Publishing, 2013.

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