

**Shema Series**  
**Religious Conversion**  
**06/10/23**  
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**Opening**

**-“What has been one of the most significant before and after events of your life?”**

>Is life with Jesus changing you?

-Shema Diagram slides

- **Slide One**
- **Slide Two**
- **Slide Three**

**-*I want the reflex of my heart to be one of obedience to God!***

**5 Conversions**

- **Affective Conversion happens when a person takes personal responsibility for his or her emotional healing and development. (covenant community)**

>Psalm 147:3

**>Do you have a recurring experience of emotion out of proportion to the situation?**

>(tell story of kitchen table and marathon)

- **Intellectual Conversion involves taking responsibility for the truth or falsity of one’s beliefs by examining and testing them. (diverse community)**

>John 7:41 (ordinary but also supposed to be from Bethlehem)

**>Can you name one thing of consequence that you have changed your mind about in the last 3 years?**

>joke about Saturday church...how about Penny as an elder?

>for me: political conservatism and Christianity are not the same thing

- **Moral Conversion means being responsible to cultivate habits that embody the moral *warehouse* one has embraced and to live according to a broader social responsibility. (discipleship community)**

>Matthew 5:48

**>What is one example of hypocrisy in your life?**

>joke about one of you finally made it, perfect!

>(tell story of making list in the summer of 1990)

>me now: physical stewardship and judging/cynical

- **Sociopolitical Conversion involves accepting responsibility to seek the good for all humans and to work strategically with others to challenge and convert the wider world as well. (loving community)**

>Matthew 20:28

>John 13:35

**>What is one example during the last year when you put someone else's need ahead of your own, not counting children or spouse?**

>(mention personal situations with our family...sacrifice always costs!)

>we are doing this as a church with 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays!

- **Religious Conversion\* begins by making a vow of devotion to Jesus and confessing Jesus' right to have authority over every aspect of my life. (Gospel community)**

>John 1:12

**>As you look back over the story of your life, can you find a moment when you made a vow of devotion to Jesus?**

-(show Welcome Home slide)

## **The Story Slides**

**-Humankind and God**

**-Sinners**

**-Judgment**

**-Eternal Death**

**-3 “Goods”**

**-New Heart**

**-Forgiveness**

**-Eternal Life**

**-Cross** (talk about inclusivity vs. exclusivity)

**-Romans 10:9-14**

**-John 1:12-13** (knowing and being known forever!)

**-Welcome Home!** (explain...build back to “before and after”)

## **Band**

-(have everyone stand...extended salvation call)

- How many people in this room believe marriage exists?
- How many people understand that’s different from being married?
- How many people believe the military exists?
- How many people understand that’s different from enlisting?
- How many people believe parenting exists?
- How many people understand that’s different having children?
- How many people believe that Jesus exists?
- How many people understand that’s different from being in a covenant relationship with Him?

## **Close**