

STUDY GUIDE: CHRISTIAN?

“What Is Christian?”

Discussion Starters

1. What does the world think when they hear “Christian”?
2. What do you think when you hear “Christian”?

Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms.

--“mistaken” (Matthew 22:29)—

--“power” (Matthew 22:29)—

--“observe” (Matthew 28:20)—

--“end” (Matthew 28:20)—

--“repent” (Acts 2:38)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

5. Read the following passages and answer the questions below based on what they tell you about what a “Christian” is. Matthew 22:29; Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:16; Acts 2:37-39; Acts 11:26; 2 Timothy 3:16

6. What is baptism? What does it represent to the Christian?

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7. Can you be Christian without baptism? Explain.

8. What is the “gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38)?

9. From your study, is there a difference between “disciple” and “Christian” in scripture? Explain.

10. What is scripture to the Christian? (2 Timothy 3:16) Can you be Christian without the scripture?

11. Paul describes the usefulness of scripture in 2 Timothy 3:16. Is he saying scripture is useful to everyone, or just to Christians? Please explain.

Taking It Home

12. What does scripture say is how someone becomes Christian? Have you done these things?

13. What has being Christian meant in your life?

14. From watching your life, how would someone in the world describe “Christian”?