

## **STUDY GUIDE: “WHAT’S IN A NAME?” “Christians Do”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Name one thing Christians do.
2. Name one thing Christians don’t do.

### **Study**

3. To begin this study, read each passage below and note what it tells us about what Christians do.

Matthew 5:14-16

Matthew 5:20

Matthew 6:14

John 13:34-35

Acts 2:38

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

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.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think that word was chosen for this study guide (i.e “why look this up?”).

--“righteousness” (Matthew 5:20)—

--“surpasses” (Matthew 5:20)—

--“forgive” (Matthew 6:14)—

--“repent” (Acts 2:38)—

--“without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)—

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5. What does it mean for our light to shine into the world? (Matthew 5:14-16)
  
6. What do we have to do in order to be “Christian”? (Cite the scriptural reference)
  
7. Does the fact that we have to do this mean we are earning our salvation? Why/why not? (NOTE: answer as you would respond to someone confused about this—you are likely to hear this question!)
  
8. What does Jesus mean when he says our righteousness has to surpass that of the Pharisees? (Matthew 5:20)

**Taking It Home**

9. What do you do, what do you not do, that “Christians do”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. If you are a Christian and there is something you know “Christians do”, but you don’t, what should you do? Please be specific about what it is, and what you do—no one else has to see this

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