



## WEEKEND RESOURCES | OCTOBER 20, 2024

### What Does "Christian" Really Mean?

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** What would you say if someone walked up to you and asked, "Are you a Christian?" What does the word "Christian" mean to you? When both good and evil have acted in the name of Christianity, how can we determine what the truth is? The Bible does not define the word "Christian," but it does tell us how to be disciples of Jesus.

#### » Main Points

- "Christian" can mean whatever you want it to mean.
- We can hide behind the word "Christian" but not "Disciple of Jesus".

#### » Getting Started

- Who are some famous people you know of that call themselves, "Christian"?

#### » Observation

- Read and reflect on [Acts 11:35-36](#), [Matthew 7:24-27](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

#### reachout

- Sometimes Christians can come across as weird or pushy when they are talking to their neighbors, friends, or co-workers. When you talk to those people, think about how it would feel if they were trying to convince you of something. What would be the most effective way to get you interested in their thing?

#### growdeep

- Disciple as defined in the dictionary says: "A disciple is a disciplined follower of a master." Why is discipleship important if you truly want to experience that Jesus Makes Life Better?
- How does **Following** Jesus Make your Life Better?
- "Information + Application = Transformation" What is something that you know, but have a hard time putting into practice?
- How does putting your faith into practice and following Jesus-transform your life?

#### partner with families

- Talk with your family about with it means to follow Jesus. Depending on the age of your kids it's very possible they've never thought about this before. Talk about different things we "follow" (people, topics, politics, etc...) in this world. How does following Jesus look different? How is it the same?

#### » Next Steps and Prayer

- Take time this week to reflect on these questions:
  - Am I a Follower of Jesus or just a "Christian"?
  - Where do I need to obey God right now?
  - What is God asking me to trust Him with today?
- Close by praying- Jesus- I want to truly follow you. Help me to trust you with \_\_\_\_\_ today.