



What is a Christian?

Part 1

Opening Game/Thought

Partner with one other person in your group and **secretly** answer each question for yourself AND for your partner. So your sheet should have two answers per question. See how well you know one another! If you're in an odd-numbered group, have a team of three that answers each question for yourself, your partner, and your other partner.

- What's their weirdest quirk?
- Who is the most likely to rob a bank?
- What is their favorite pizza topping?
- What is their pet peeve?
- How do they like their eggs cooked?
- Who would win a game of monopoly?
- What is their biggest fear?
- What is their favorite flavor of ice cream?

The people we care the most about, we tend to know the most about. We want to know about them! It enriches our own lives to be invested in their lives. How much do you know about Jesus? As Christians, we feel the call to know Jesus, but maybe some of us need to start by caring more about Jesus.

Check it! (Scan this QR code)



Scripture:

Take a deep breath in and breathe out. Bring your mind and body to an open space as you read the scripture

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Group Questions

- What words or image stood out to you the most in this rich passage?
- We tend to think of Jesus' story starting in the manger, but this starts it WAY before that. How does this change your perception of Jesus, knowing that he started as all of what John says?
- What does it mean to be "full of grace and truth?"

Prayer

God, as I approach what it means to be someone who carries your name, please open my mind, heart, and body to your Word: the Word that is so much more than just a book. Open my ears to Its voice, open my eyes to see It, use my body to find It: the Word that became human: Jesus Christ. Amen

Thought

When we first try to understand what it means to be a Christian, we must first acknowledge who Christ was. Because the word "Christian" means: "follower of Christ." How can we follow that which we don't know? How can we follow if we don't care about who Christ is? Christ was/is/will be the Word. The Word was/is/will be God. So, God was/is/will be Jesus Christ. When we follow Christ, we follow God. We follow the creator of everything. The one who is light. We follow grace and truth.

Closing Prayer (write yourself)
