



What is a Christian?

Part 3

Opening Game/Thought

Lipreading Showdown! Choose a random word from the list while trying not to notice the other words. Your partner has three chances to try to guess the word. Best out of 5 rounds!

- Easy Peasy
- I love you
- Strawberries
- Beyonce
- I Like When You Sniff Your Dog
- Pickles on Buns
- Olive Juice
- Eat Your Foot
- Defy Gravity
- Spongebob
- Square Pants
- Holy Night
- Grandma
- Grandpa
- Jingle Bells
- Sir Wigglesworth
- How does that sound
- Oh, never mind
- What do you think?
- I don't understand
- Speak louder
- Stop screaming
- What do you mean?
- Nice to meet you
- What do you do?
- Where are you from
- I speak English
- The ball is in your court
- A penny for your thoughts
- Cut corners
- Devil's advocate
- Hit the hay
- It takes two to tango
- On the ball
- Once in a blue moon
- Grain of salt
- A piece of cake
- Chocolate covered Oreos
- Wrestlemania33
- Jumpy cow
- Shark tank
- Hogwash
- Jack and Jill
- Forklift driver
- Salt and Pepper
- A flying koala
- School is lame
- Sing a song
- Dainty dishes
- Just do it
- I love eggs

Words are powerful. We know how they can hurt or lift one another up whether we mean it or they are understood the wrong way. We believe there is true power in the name of Jesus, but sometimes that name hurts when we communicate it the wrong way.

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 14:8-14

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but

the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

John 21:24-25

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Group Questions

- How would you react to hear Jesus say in person about the Father "Have I been with you all this time, and you still do not know me?"
- How have you shown Jesus/the Father by speaking or doing acts of love?
- Do you think God's power is shown better through force or love? Explain

Prayer

Jesus, you did powerful things when you lived on this Earth thousands of years ago, and you continue to do powerful things today for those who wear your name. Help me to honor the name you have given me, so I might do powerful things for you to honor your name. Amen

Thought

Jesus had complete power over this reality - from turning water into wine, to healing the sick, to casting out demons, to raising a person from the dead! Jesus had power unlike any person before him. Jesus did everything for the world that God wanted to establish, a world where all were equal and loved. Whenever we try to ask God in the name of Jesus, we typically ask for our own desires. What if we did only desire what Jesus and God desired? What powerful things might we be able to do? What in your immediate world does God need to change with God's power? I regularly think about that last passage in John 21 in connection to John 14. How many worlds can we fill up with the amazing acts of God?

Closing Prayer (write yourself)
