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## *Back to the Basics*

What “Christian” means...

Where did the name “Christian” come from? (Acts 11:26)

What is a disciple? (Luke 6:40)

*Being a disciple is not merely about \_\_\_\_\_, it is also about \_\_\_\_\_.*

How does one become a Christian?

1. Recognize that all have sinned (Romans 3:23)
2. Realize that the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23).
3. Know that people are DEAD in their sin (Ephesians 2:1-5)
  - a. This means people are completely incapable of earning God’s favor or of changing their standing before Him
  - b. It also means that every aspect of their being is corrupted by sin.

4. Jesus is God's Son and He became Man (John 1:14).
5. Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose again (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 15:3-4).
6. Cry out to the Lord (Romans 10:13).

How can a Christian be productive and fruitful? (2 Peter 1:3-11)

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Why is it so easy to forget what being a follower of Jesus is all about?
2. Why do we so often focus on what we need to learn rather than on who we need to be as Jesus' followers?
3. How does the word "disciple" or "follower" change what we think about the word "Christian"?
4. When did you become a Christian? Who led you to Jesus?
5. Thinking back to the day you were saved (if you remember it), what was the most memorable part of it for you?
6. Since God has given us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3f), what excuse do we have not to be effective and productive for Jesus?
7. How might a person "forget" that they were forgiven of their sins? What is the remedy? (1 Peter 1:3-11)