

## **Church People Are The Worst... || Christian? - Week 1**

**Acts 11:25-26**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*What is a Christian? Ask 100 people to define it and you will get 100 different definitions.*

*It's likely all 100 will be incorrect. Christian. It's not what you think. Christian is a brand that can be good, bad, attractive, or repelling. It's a loaded label no matter whom you ask. But where did the word come from? Did it come with instructions? The Bible never defines it.*

Believers came to be called Christians during a time of rapid expansion in the church. Persecution had forced many believers from Jerusalem. They scattered to various areas, taking the gospel with them. The followers of Jesus were first referred to as Christians by the Gentiles of Syrian Antioch. The name was more than likely meant as an insult. People outside the faith created the term. Jesus didn't ask people to help Him start a new religion. He asked people to follow Him as disciples.

### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- Did you ever give a nickname to someone or did someone give one to you that was encouraging or not very flattering?

### **SERMON NOTES REVIEW**

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Think about someone who claims to be a Christian but doesn't follow Jesus and someone who exemplifies the ways of Jesus. What is the difference between the two?
2. When you think of a Christian, what characteristics come to mind? When you think about a Disciple, what characteristics come to mind? In what ways are these two terms alike and different?
3. Jesus Junior or Jesus Freak are slang terms used to describe Christians. Would being called one of these terms make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?

4. Looking at the areas of your life, which ones do you feel align with being a disciple? What areas of your life could you openly admit more align with being “just a Christian?”

5. Some great ways to grow as a disciple is reading the Bible, watching the Sun Valley Daily Devotionals, prayer, serving, giving, and being in a group. Out of these, which disciplines are easier for you to engage and which ones do you find more difficult?

6. Read **Luke 14:25-35**. What does it mean to count the cost of being a disciple?

#### **PRAYER**

God, thank You for meeting our greatest need, our spiritual needs, and that we are Your disciples. We are thankful Jesus died and rose again to save us from our sin. We pray You help us never be ashamed of the gospel or of Jesus but be prepared to live by faith and trust You in all things. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Baptisms are coming up on May 1st & 2nd. Find out more and register at <http://baptism.sv.cc>