

What is a Christian? What does a person do to become a Christian? What does a Christian believe? Have you ever asked yourself these questions, or has someone asked you? Did you have the answer? Why or why not? What makes it important to know the answers to these questions? Explain and discuss. Then read **2 Corinthians 5:21**.

A Christian believes Jesus is God in the flesh, and He died for our sins. A Christian believes Jesus rose from the dead and saves us by His grace. Read **Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 17:22 – 23, Isaiah 53:5 – 6, and John 1:1 & 14**. “*Jesus’ death was not a human tragedy; it was a divine strategy.*” What about Jesus means a lot to you? When you take communion or when you think on the cross, what emotions do you feel, and why? Discuss.

Read **Matthew 17:22 – 23 & 28:5 – 6**. “*Christians believe the same power that raised Jesus from the dead will raise us after we die, and we will live forever in Heaven.*” Jesus asks us to trust in Him and to believe. What do you struggle with most when it comes to being a Christian? Why might some have a hard time believing in Jesus?

Jamie asked the question; how do we believe in Jesus? What’s your answer? Explain. Read **Proverbs 21:29**. Jamie answered, “*We’re asking people to open their eyes. Faith is looking at the evidence and deciding to believe.*” Read **Romans 10:17 & Hebrews 4:12**. How can we act on the faith we DO have? Jesus talks about degrees of faith and even faith as small as a mustard seed can do so much! What are some ways to grow our faith? What are the dangers of not acting on the faith we do have? Read **James 2:26**. “*Faith is going to the edge of all the light you have and then taking one more step.*”

If your faith needs to be built up, admit your inadequacy, make a real effort to learn, stop sins hindering belief, act on the faith you have, and make an unchanging decision to believe. Some are waiting. Waiting to be sure, to see if things are just right, to be 100% positive it’s the right time. But if you’re 100% sure, then it’s not faith! Read **Hebrews 11:1**. If someone was on the fence about being baptized or making Central their church home, what would you tell them and why? Explain.

Close by asking God to help Christians be bold and confident as Jesus calls us to be, and to always be ready to have a reason for our faith.