

**WEEK 1**  
**LESSON PLAN -- TEACHERS COPY**

**Session:** 1 ½ hour

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome & Introduction:** introduction includes passing out folders with class assignment which includes: description, personal word, syllabus outline, introduction, and GRIP Bible Study A etc. which includes memory verse John 1:12. Be sure each class member understands the assignment for the next session. This Bible study is an overview, teaching the basics of Christianity – read-pray-witness-obey. Suggested lesson plans for the teachers are also included in this document.

**Lecture and Discussion: What is a Christian?**

In this first week our lecture and discussion is centered upon defining what is a Christian? We do this by having both teachers share their Christian testimonies. No two testimonies are the same so this gives variety and offers interesting interaction. However before the teachers share their testimonies divide the class into groups of 4, or if it is a small group divide into 2 groups. Ask each group to make a list of 4 characteristics that they think best defines what a Christian is all about. Each group must present their list on the white board.

Often you will see written on the white board: faith, love, Bible, prayer, etc. After they have finished putting their list on the white board then the teachers may proceed to give their testimonies. As you share your testimony compare and contrast it with all the characteristics listed on the white board. Has the teacher had a smooth, easy, perfect, or bumpy Christian walk? Did they pray “emergency prayers” before coming to Christ? Broken promises? Did they read their Bible faithfully? Life was it better or worse before salvation? We close the lesson sharing about the biblical origin of the word “Christian” which is found in Acts 11:26 and that Christians were also known as disciples who loved: John 13:35. Put on the white board: LIFE, CONFESSION, NO SIN, and FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT and ask a volunteer student to read the Bible verses for each. Encourage discussion and before ending the lesson play the audio file by Pastor Schultze “Introduction to the book of John.”

Christian:

Acts 11:26

John 13:35

- 1). LIFE: Born-again John 3:16, John 10:10
- 2). CONFESSION: Romans 10:10
- 3). NO SIN: 1 John 3:9
- 4). FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: Galatians 5:22-23

**Play in class:** 15-minute audio recording “Introduction to the Book of John,” by Pastor Reimar Schultze.

Class closure: Prayer