

## Summer At Cypress Week 8 Study Guide

**Main Point** - Forgive. Love. Serve. Take a next step.

1. If marriage begins when two people meet each other, **a Christian relationship begins when a person meets Christ.**
  - How did you come into a knowing relationship with Christ? Through other people? Through an invite to church?
2. If marriage grows by two people drawing near to one another, **a Christian relationship grows by us drawing near to Christ.**
  - How has drawing near to Christ helped you bridge the gap between you and Him, and thus empowering you to overcome sin issues in your life?
3. Read 1 John 1:8-9. If engagement declares the intention of marriage within a relationship, making the decisions to **accept God's grace and forgiveness** declares the intention within a Christian relationship.
  - What areas of your life do you need to turn away from, accept God's grace and forgiveness?
4. If a wedding is the celebration of a relationship, **baptism is the celebration of salvation in a Christian relationship.**
  - Have you taken the next step of getting baptized? If so, what prompted you to take that next step? If not, what are your hesitations?
5. Just as two people continuously grow closer to one another in a relationship, we should **for the rest of our lives be growing** in our walk with Christ. Read John 13:34-35
  - As you have continuously grown closer to Christ, how have you witnessed life (transformation) change?
  - What next steps have you taken as you have been growing to Christ? Baptism? Joining a small group? Serving? Introducing people to Christ?

### **Further Reading:**

Acts 2:36-41

Ephesians 2:8