



I'M A CHRISTIAN

Sermon Notes for Sunday, May 5, 2024. Based on Rev. JiSun Yang's sermon.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." - Matthew 16:15-16

1. According to Pew Research, around _____% of Americans identify as Christians, but only _____% attend church at least once a month.
2. The word " _____ " is from the Greek *christianos*, a word consisting of two parts. The first part *christos* is a translation of the Hebrew word _____, meaning "anointed with oil." The second part is the suffix *-ian*, which means "belong to the party of."
3. In the Roman Empire, _____ was the engine of the empire, and fear was the fuel of the system to sustain it.
4. What made a difference for early Christian communities was _____ one another, bestowing _____, being fed, finding a future with hope, and being surrounded by companions.
5. In the New Testament, the word "Christian" appears only _____ times, the word "disciple" _____ times, and the word "church" _____ times.
6. The nature of the church we learn from today's text:
 - A church is not a building or institution, but it is _____ who confess Jesus is the Son of the _____ God.
 - The church doesn't belong to any person but _____.
 - Jesus delegates his _____ to the church.

Questions for Reflection

1. Who is Jesus to you? What does Peter's answer, "You're the Son of the living God," mean to you personally?
 2. We're the representatives of Christ to others in the world because Jesus no longer has hands and feet, only ours. In what ways can we represent Christ's love as a body of Christ?
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