



One thing that distinguishes Christianity from every other faith in the world is that Christianity is not a religion but rather a relationship. We cannot view our growth as believers as a list of do's and don't's but rather an affectionate response to what God has and is doing for us! We need to grow close to Christ! Everything in our walk with Christ begins in the heart.

You need to meditate on the _____ to grow close to Christ.

Pursue Christ through the _____ of the gospel.

In Luke 9, the man healed from blindness put the miracle into the simplest terms so the jealous religious leaders could understand it. "I don't know much. All I know is that earlier today, I was blind. Now, I can see." (paraphrase)

Everyone who is a believer can relate to this. There was a time that we were blind to truth. We did not understand. Then Christ saved you. You have sight! You are no longer blind to your sin. You can clearly see that Jesus is the One who saved you from your sin. The gospel changes everything for you. It is not just SOME good news - it is *YOUR* good news. For you to grow spiritually, you need to replay that good news over and over again. You are no longer blind! Now you see!

Application Notes: _____

We can pursue Christ by resting in the simplicity of the gospel, and we can...

Pursue Christ by _____ the gospel.

Recount the gospel by _____ the gospel to yourself. (Romans 4:7-8)

What truths can you claim from Romans 4:7-8? _____

Application Notes: _____

Recount the gospel by sharing the gospel with _____. (Luke 8:38-40)

We are called to declare how great things God hath done unto us.

Application Notes: _____

Recount the gospel by _____ the Savior with other believers. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

What are some ways you can share your relationship with God with other believers? _____

Application Notes: _____

Recount the gospel by celebrating the _____.

1. _____ (Romans 6:1-7)

2. The _____ (Luke 22:19)

Application Notes: _____

As you pursue Christ, by recounting the gospel to yourself in these 4 ways, you will find yourself growing in Christ. The foundational building block to your walk with Christ is the gospel.

Conclusion: God pursued you by sending Christ to die in your place. **You need to meditate on the gospel to grow close to Christ.** You are joyfully respond to God's pursuit of you by pursuing Him in return. It's not a religion - it is a relationship.