

## **OV Tour devotions DAY ONE (Sat. - 6/9/18)**

Here are two questions to get us started. I heard this in a sermon a few weeks ago. How would you respond?

Is there a difference in the two questions?

**Am I a Christian?**

**Am I Christian?**

Why or why not?



I think most of us could respond easily to the first question. *Sure, I'm the noun, a Christian. I believe Jesus is Lord, and I count myself as his follower.*

(We know this as making a profession of faith, accepting Christ as our savior, and being baptized into the Christian faith. If you have been searching and considering your faith in Christ and would like to talk with someone this week, let Rick or the adult counselors know.)

Back to the questions---But am I the adjective Christian? Do I behave like Christ, which is what the adjective implies?

People can look at us and describe us with all sorts of adjectives: short, tall, blond, brunette, auburn, quiet, loud, kind, careless, neat, sloppy, reflective, active, shy, bossy. But would their adjectives include.....Christian? Being Christ-like? Behaving as Jesus behaved? Loving as Jesus loved? Consider the following scriptures as we focus on being the adjective Christian.

Mark 12:29-31. *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Galatians 5:22. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

Philippians 2:5. *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus"*

I John 4:7. *"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."*

**Prayer:** *God, remind me this week to let these scriptures be my guide as we share Your love with others. May those we meet see you when they see me. Amen*

