In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

Coming into the world, He enlightens every man.

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right

to become the children of God,

*even* to those who believe in His name.

***John 1:1–13***

Read the introduction to the subject and the scriptures. Consider the primary emphasis and the context in which it is presented. Then, answer the questions.

1) We believe in Jesus because He clearly demonstrated that He is Lord. Everything about the Christian faith is in Him, through Him, and for Him. It is not about religious doctrine & practices. To believe in Jesus is more than acknowledging that He is who the Bible says He is. A true believer relies on, adheres to, and trusts in Jesus as His Lord and Master. Derivatives of the Greek word, “believe,” are used 590 times in the New Testament.

***John 3:16; 5:24; 6:35–40; 11:25–27***

a) Summarize these Scriptures in one sentence.

b) Why is my salvation not dependent on the strength of my belief in Jesus?

2) A Disciple must know Jesus experientially by intentionally developing an active, personal relationship with Him. By learning about what Jesus said and did, we know what God the Father is like and what He expects of us.

***John 10:1–15; 17:1–13; Mark 9:7–8***

1. Summarize these Scriptures in one sentence.
2. What steps can I take to get know Him better?
3. How can I tell if I’m hearing Jesus’s voice?

3) As the Light of the world, not only do we see Jesus, but also by Him we see everything else more clearly.

***John 12:35-36; 12:44-50***

1. Describe the things I see more clearly since I began following Jesus.
2. How consistently do I seek the Lord for guidance?

4) As the Prince of Peace, Jesus brings peace into our life. This is a fruit given by the Holy Spirit.

***Isaiah 9:6–7; John 14:27; 16:33; Galatians 5:22–25***

1. I believe in Jesus. Why am I not more peaceful?

5) In His name we have authority and power through His Holy Spirit.

***Acts 1:4–8*; *John 14:11–14; Mark 16:14–20***

1. Have I asked for the power of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do I pray expecting the promises in these Scriptures to happen?
3. Do I pray for results that the world would see as miracles?

6) Study the written word-the Bible. As you meditate upon it, believe it is God speaking truth into your life. It was written by men, many of whom were eye witness to the acts and words of Jesus. The Bible was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

***John 7:15–18; 8:31–36; 16:12–15; 2 Timothy 3:14–17***

1. In your own words, summarize what these verses say to you about the Bible.
2. What are the worries and distractions in my life that limit my time for studying the Word?
3. What would help me believe the Scriptures are speaking to me for my own instruction and guidance?

7) What action steps will I take to begin relying on and trusting in Jesus and His written Word?