

## **INTRODUCTION:**

1. The goal of the Christian life is “to know, love and serve Jesus, in order to be happy with him in this life and in the afterlife.” How well would you say you are living this goal? In what ways do you think you need to grow in your knowledge, love, and service of Jesus?
2. How have you “owned” your Baptism, making it “a guiding force in how you live”? What could you do to better “own” your Baptism and embrace your identity as a Christian disciple—a follower of Jesus?
3. “You can’t be a Christian just by yourself.” What role has “the family of God, the community of believers, the body of Christ, the Church” played in your life? How have other Christian disciples helped you to follow Jesus?
4. In what ways could you become more engaged in the Catholic Church to help you grow as a disciple?
5. “Friendship with Jesus begins and deepens by knowing him.” How would you describe your friendship with Jesus? What are some ways you have come to know him, and what are some actions you could take to deepen your friendship with him?
6. The Bible “has the power to change lives.” Reflect on your experience of reading, hearing, and praying the Scriptures and how your life has been changed as a result. How have you encountered Jesus through the Sacred Scriptures?
7. What practices of engaging with the Scriptures do you need to work on developing? For example, listening more attentively to the readings at Mass, more regular reading of the Bible, practicing *Lectio Divina*, etc.
8. What role have Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church (i.e. “the teaching authority of the Pope and the bishops in union with him, under the guidance of the Spirit”) played in your life as a Christian disciple?