Who Are Christians?
Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:15

Introduction:
A. “Christian” means different things to different people.
   1. Ill. Little boy’s question about grandma’s being a Christian
   2. To most people it is anyone who professes to believe in Jesus.
B. “Christian” is referenced three times in the Bible.
   1. Can learn a lot about Christians by noticing each immediate context.
   2. Can see that the term is too broad in it modern usage.
C. What kind of people are these Christians as indicated by the context:

Discussion:
I. A Changed People
   A. They have believed and turned to the Lord (Acts 11:21)
      1. Notice some parallel passages (Acts 3:19; Acts 2:38)
      2. Did more than just believed – they turned (converted) by repentance and baptism.”
   B. They turned from sin to the will of God (1 Pet. 4:1-2)

II. An Assembling People
   A. The Christians at Antioch assembled (Acts 11:26).
   B. Harmonizes with Heb. 10:25
   C. Christians cannot choose to stay home read Bible or listen to tape, Radio, or TV sermons.

III. A Bible Believing People
   A. The Scriptures were the basis of Paul’s appeal (Acts 26:27; cf. Acts 17:2)
   B. Christ are speak as the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11)

IV. A Persuaded People
   A. Agrippa was almost persuaded - needed to be altogether.(Acts 26:28, 29)
   B. Early Christians (disciples) were made by persuasion (Acts 18:4; 28:23; Matt. 28:18-20)
      1. “One persuaded against his will is of the same opinion still.”
      2. Early Church did not use force or coercion – but persuasion to grow (cf. 2 Cor 5:11; 10:3-5)
      3. Early Christians were persuaded not allured by carnal gimmicks.

V. A “Strange” People
   A. “Strange” to those left behind in the world (1 Pet. 4:3,4)
   B. “Strange” to a selfish and self-serving society (Acts 11:27-30)
   C. “Strange” in their reaction to persecution (1 Pet. 4:12-16; cf. Matt. 5:11-12; Acts 5:41)

Conclusion:
A. Are you almost persuaded to be a Christian? Why not altogether?
B. Were you once a Christians, but been drawn back into the world? Need to be persuaded to return?
1. Little Johnny: “Is Grandma a Christian”?  
   Mother: “Yes, she is?”  
   Little Johnny: “We is Old Blue our hound dog a Christian?”  
   Mother: “Of course not, why do you ask?”  
   Little Johnny: “Well he has a long face and is always barking like Grandma?”