



**St. Mary's
Next STEPS
Small Group Discussion Questions
Week One**

1. From this weekend's Homily: "Who do people say that I am?' 'Who do you say that I am?' These are questions that Jesus didn't just ask his disciples 2,000 years ago; he asks these questions of us today." Who do you believe that Jesus is?
2. If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, what difference does that make in your life? What still needs to change in your life?
3. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." What is (or are) your cross(es)? What help do you need to follow Christ?
4. Sherry Weddell, in her book *Forming Intentional Disciples*, wrote that there are five thresholds of conversion to becoming a disciple of Christ. The thresholds are:
 - a. Trust
 - b. Curiosity
 - c. Openness
 - d. Seeking
 - e. Discipleship

These last two form 'The Zone'. What threshold do you see yourself at.

5. Our Homily Series is called Next STEPS, the steps necessary to grow in discipleship. (Sharing faith through evangelization, Tithing and Giving, Engaging in a Small Group, Practicing Prayer and Sacraments, Serve Others)
What STEP appeals to you? What STEP seems to be the most challenging?