



What is A Disciple?




Are we Disciples or Christians

- ▶ Yeshua called his followers Disciples. In Matthew 28:19, Yeshua instructed his followers to make Disciples.
- ▶ As a follower of Yeshua you have committed to learn, live and share his teachings. Being a Disciple of Yeshua includes being a member of a community (church) but it is not focused on programs and services.
- ▶ Your focus as a Disciple is to grow and become more responsive to the word of God and the guiding of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ The term Christian was assigned to the Disciples of Yeshua in Antioch according to Acts 11:26 - ... and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians”.
- ▶ Followers of Yeshua are Disciples. Christian is a nickname that was given to the followers of Yeshua.

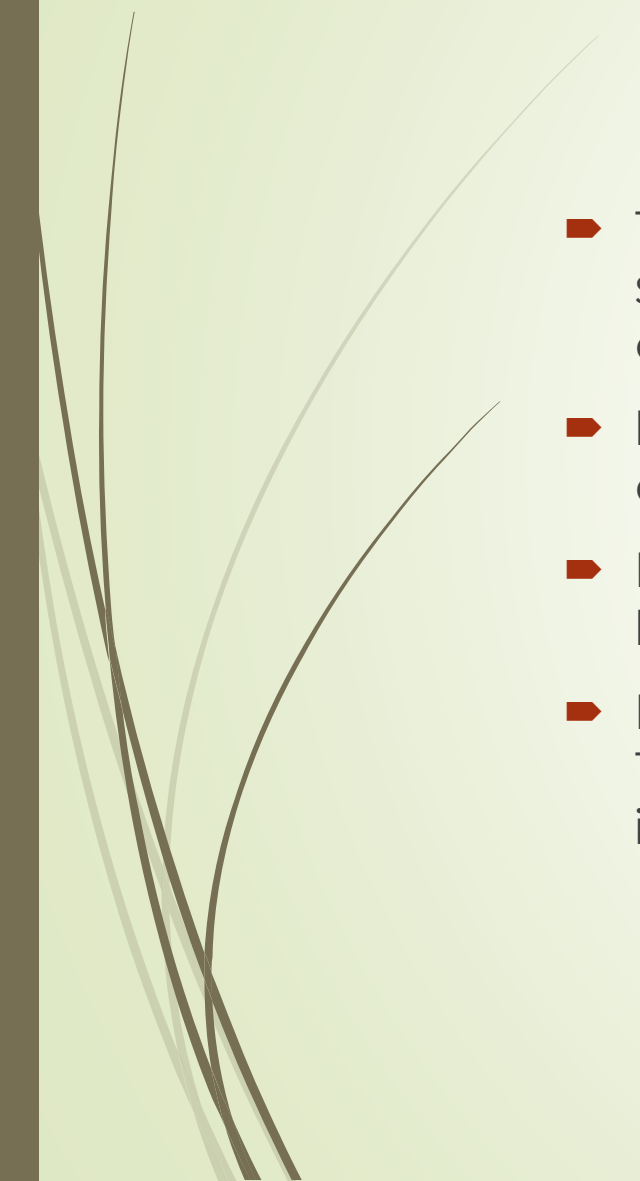


Why is the name important?

- ▶ There may not be any difference in being acknowledged as a Disciple or Christian.
 - ▶ However, the term Christian has lost its zeal and focus. Many uncommitted people identify as Christians.
 - ▶ The term Disciple by definition is a follower or student of a teacher. Identifying as a Disciple of Yeshua will remind you of who you are following and whose teaching you have committed to adhere to.
 - ▶ Whether you identify as a Disciple or Christian the intent is the same. You are committed to learn, live and share the teaching of Yeshua.
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Being a Disciple

- ▶ The first disciples were called to follow Yeshua. Each calling that is in scripture informs us of the sacrifice each one made to respond to their calling to follow Yeshua.
 - ▶ It appears that your call to being a Disciple must be a conscious decision and you must know what it cost.
 - ▶ Disciples of Yeshua are committed to growing and being productive for the kingdom of God.
 - ▶ Productivity, according to Yeshua, is determined by making other disciples. The kingdom of God is continually expanding because Disciples are investing in making Disciples.
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How do I determine Productivity?

- ▶ In John 15 – Yeshua explains what is required to be connected to him:
 - ▶ VV. 1-2 – I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
 - ▶ V. 5 – I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.
 - ▶ The intent is that Disciples remain focused on making more Disciples.
 - ▶ The blessing of salvation is that we freely receive the grace of God and in return we represent God for the remainder of our earthly life.
 - ▶ Once we accept and acknowledge Yeshua as our Lord we are expected to be productive for our Lord and Master.



Disciples need the support of a community

- ▶ As you invest in being a faithful Disciple it is necessary that you have a supportive community to assist you and correct you in your growth.
- ▶ If you are in need assistance or guidance contact us at ChurchTransformed@BlessedHarvest.org.
- ▶ If you are looking to be part of a community of Disciples you can consider our digital community www.BlessedHarvest.org/BlessedHarvestConnect