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# YIELDCAMP MINISTRIES

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AS WELLNESS

Your Christian Stewardship Survival Kit  
with evidence based Nature Informed Therapy interventions

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## Ministries vs. Churches

### MINISTRY

- Less strict requirements
- May or may not hold religious worship services
- Activities can be broad and varied, but all have a distinct faith-based perspective

### CHURCH

- Meets the IRS's church classification requirements
- Holds regular, religious services at an established location
- Has a congregation and a membership

# YIELDCAMP MINISTRIES

## Proverbs 3:5 – 6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thy own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path

### MISSION STATEMENT:

to promote and provide holistic health and wellness through environmental stewardship, volunteering and community service.

Repent Reconnect Restore Refresh Replenish



### VISION STATEMENT:

to create local groups of believers committed to provide for the needs of their community and fellow man.

Yieldcamp has been working in the community to address mental, emotional, vocational and spiritual challenges since it's inception in 2019 and has excelled in integrating the power of the outdoors and the empowerment of education to reconnect people to God, nature and themselves.

The Church Service

## Ministry vs Church

 <p>Ministry is the functional unit of religious service.</p>	 <p>Church is a gathering of those with shared theology.</p>
<p>Ministries can function outside of a church.</p>	<p>Churches can function without "defined" ministries.</p>
<p>Through ministries churches can accomplish their missions.</p>	<p>Churches will struggle without clearly defined, organized, and lead ministries.</p>

## Know The Difference

## The purpose of a ministry:

To glorify God

Edify believers through fellowship and spiritual growth

To evangelize and witness to others through the gospel

To provide direction for one's life

To provide instruction for one's life

To provide correction for one's life

To help discover, perfect and activate gifts

To help discover, clarify and actualize purpose

To provide a place to serve others

To provide a place for God to supply one's needs

## The purpose of Yieldcamp as a ministry:

To glorify God

To expose others to the glory of God through nature

To expose others to the truth of scripture through science

To expose others to biblical ways to survive uncertain times

To expose others to the blueprints for life hidden throughout nature

To expose others to the truth of the existence of moral standards through nature

To discover, perfect and codify environmental and wellness next practices

To reveal, empower and activate dormant talents and potential

To provide a place and a perspective to serve others with

To create self sufficiency in Christ



# Statement of Faith:

As a Christian ministry & a faith-based organization:



- We believe in God the Father and in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Creator, our Savior and Lord; born of the Virgin Mary, conceived by the 3rd person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit - who was sent by the Lord Jesus Christ - after His descent into hell where He took the keys of death and the grave and then ascended to the right hand of God the Father Almighty to make intercession on our behalf.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit was sent by Christ Jesus to lead, guide and direct us into all truth - which is Christ Jesus - who will return soon to judge both the living and the dead.
- We believe that the Holy Bible is the infallible word of God and that all scripture is given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instructions in righteousness.
- We believe in the free gift of salvation through a confession of faith in the belief of the existence, birth, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and in the complete sufficiency of the sacrifice that He endured for the forgiveness of our sins and redemption of our soul.
- We believe that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth by His Word, who is the Christ, Jesus our Lord, and that all of created creation reveals and declares the glory of His workmanship through evidence of His faithfulness.
- We believe that all people are created intentionally to ultimately be witnesses for Christ by yielding to the will of the Father.
- We believe that the church is defined as a connected community of confessed Christians committed to caring for citizens in chaos, concern or crisis and conveying charity and compassion for the causes and the challenges that they face.

## Core Scriptures:

### **Matthew 7:12**

Therefore, anything that you hope someone does for you, do that also for them. (Do unto others as you want done unto you) For this is the law and the prophets.

### **Isaiah 40:31**

They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up on wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall run and not faint.

### **Romans 6:13**

Neither yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness until sin: but yield yourselves until God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness into God.

### **1 John 4:7 - 8**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. He that loves not, knows not God for God of love.

### **Romans 12:2**

And be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### **1 Peter 1:16**

But as He who has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation, for it is written; be ye holy for I am holy.

### **Romans 8:1**

There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

### **Colossians 2:6 - 8**

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in Him, which is the head of all principalities and power.

*“And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Go ye therefore, unto all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

## **Psalms 44**

<sup>6</sup> For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

<sup>7</sup> But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

<sup>8</sup> In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.



## **Core Values:**

Righteousness and Truth  
Integrity and Character  
Compassion and Empathy  
Stewardship and Service  
Justice and Honesty  
Forgiveness and Mercy  
Understanding and Grace

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

*Spiritual Gifts are not talents nor skills but rather special innate abilities that govern certain aspects of our lives and influence our interactions with others.*

***(So yes, you're a superhero.)***

## Functional Gifts

(from Romans 12: 6 - 8 - abilities you have that you didn't develop or train)

**Prophecy, Service, Teaching, Encouraging, Giving, Leadership, Mercy**

## Protectional Gifts

(from 1 Corinthians 12:8 -12 - abilities that lay dormant until activated by God for His will and purpose)

**Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of spirits, Speaking in tongues, Interpreting tongues**

## Perfecting Gifts

(from Ephesians 4:11-12 – gifts of insight and oversight for ministry and church leaders)

**Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and teachers**

## The fruit of the Spirit

(Galatians 5:22 – 23)

As fruit has many attributes such as size, shape, color and taste, so too does the fruit of the Spirit – which is one fruit with these nine attributes:

**Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance**

(Matthew 7:16a - You will know them by their fruits...)

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Lord's prayer is best thought of as an outline rather than something to recite verbatim.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in Heaven  
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever.

*Amen*

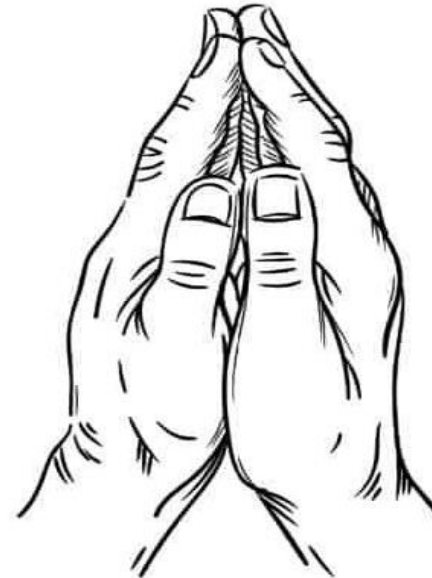
## PRAYER REMINDERS

PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR:

THINGS I AM THANKFUL FOR:

THINGS TO PRAY ABOUT:

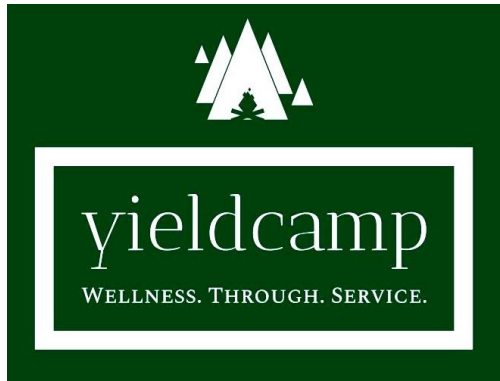
THINGS YOU ARE SORRY ABOUT:



Use this form to start developing your prayer life. Often times starting to pray can seem daunting and intimidating; even silly. Writing a list of the different things you want to talk to God about will help you to get started.

## Four forms of Prayer:

- o Adoration
- o Contrition
- o Thanksgiving
- o Petition



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

### SACRAMENTS

(requiring ritual and ceremony)

Baptism

Communion (Eucharist)

Matrimony

### TENETS

(requiring prayer and fasting)

Confirmation - public declaration of faith

Reconciliation - atonement, repentance

Ordination - endowing with ministerial authority

Healing - blessings through prayer with oil



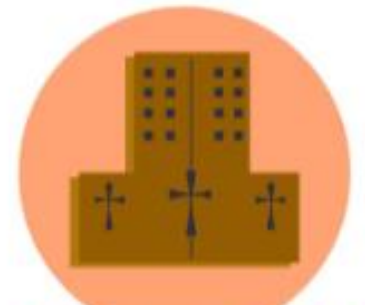
BAPTISM



CONFIRMATION



EUCCHARIST



CONFESSION



ANOINTING OF THE SICK



HOLY ORDERS



MATRIMONY

## WHAT WE BELIEVE


### BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(SPEAKING IN TONGUES)

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to touch. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. (**Matthew 3:11**)

He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: but the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified. (**John 7:38-39**)

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (**Acts 2:4**)



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Luke 3:16

WHAT WE BELIEVE

## Holy Days of Observation and Recognition

Christmas

Ash Wednesday

Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Day of Pentecost

# WHAT WE DO

## DISCIPLESHIP

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The primary promise and plan for followers of Jesus Christ that provides practical applications of biblical concepts and scripture references in a complete, concise and comprehensive manner based on sound doctrine backed by evidence.

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- D** - Do unto others - Matthew 7:12
- I** - Increase in grace and knowledge - 2 Peter 3:18
- S** - Speak evil of no man - 2 Titus 3:1-4
- C** - Cast down every evil thought - 2 Corinthians 10:5
- I** - Impart wisdom - Proverbs 29:15
- P** - Pray without ceasing - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- L** - Listen to the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 4:30 (1-32)
- E** - Esteem the reproach of Christ - Hebrews 11:26
- S** - Seek first the kingdom - Matthew 6:33
- H** - Heal the sick - Matthew 10:8
- I** - Inherit the earth - Matthew 5:5
- P** - Plant - Jeremiah 1:10



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- D** - Denounce the world (thoughts, ways, agendas)
- E** - Exercise your faith [obedience] (mind, body, soul)
- L** - Listen to the voice of God (hear, accept, follow)
- I** - Ignore the enemy (who only comes to steal, kill, destroy)
- V** - Victory [walk in it] (afflictions, addictions, convictions)
- E** - Endure temptation (to return, to circumvent, to quit)
- R** - Remain steadfast (beliefs, faith, purpose)
- A** - Abstain from unrighteousness (thought, word, deed)
- N** - Nurture your gifts (spiritual, mental, physical)
- C** - Commit to serve (God, leadership, others)
- E** - Encourage others (remain, thrive and serve)



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- L** - Listen to hear, not speak
- I** - Identify things in common
- F** - Fact-check lies and definitive statements
- E** - Empathize with their feelings
- L** - Lead by following
- I** - Inquire of their desires
- N** - Name the steps to achieve stated desires
- E** - Empower them with truth



be a LIFELINE to others and yourself

**LIFELINE**  
do good. feel good. be good.

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Identify	identify in-commons
Fact-check	fact-check lies
Empathize	empathize feelings
Lead	lead by following
Inquire	inquire about desire
Name	name the steps
Empower	empower with truth

# HOW WE DO IT

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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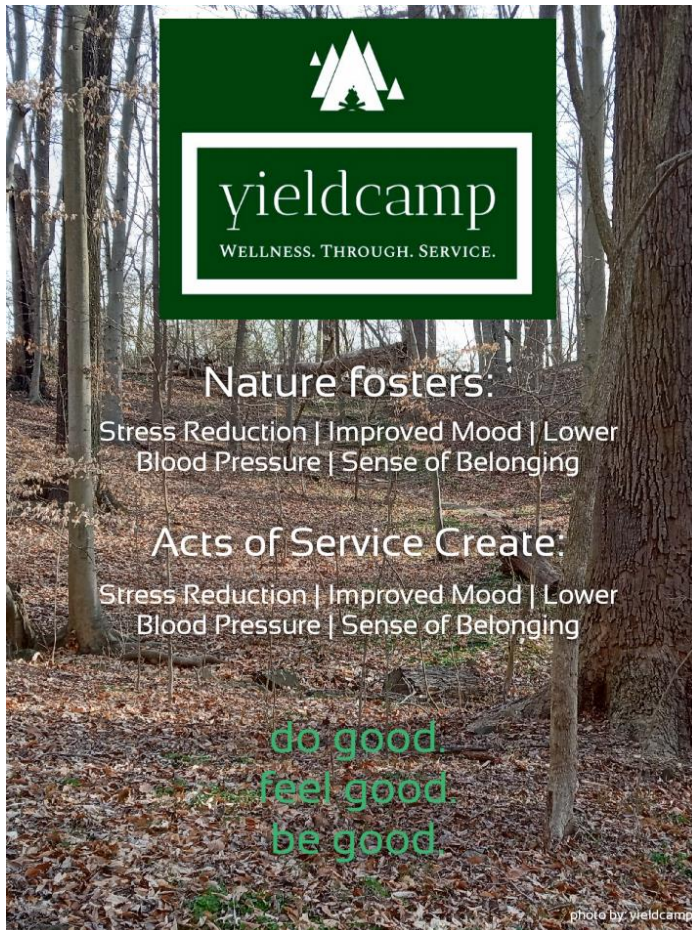
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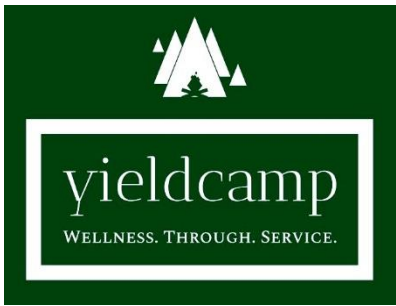


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## WHAT WE OFFER

### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Spiritually:

weddings, communion, baptisms, teachings, Bible study, prayer and stewardship

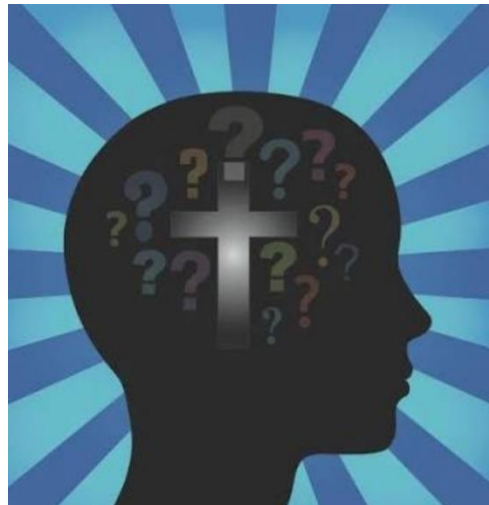
Mentally:

Nature Informed Therapy, biblical counseling, relationship/couples/marriage counseling, grief/loss counseling, trauma counseling, guilt management and addiction recovery.

Vocationally:

environmental workforce development, environmental entrepreneurial mentorship, roadside assistance training, trail/park/camp ground maintenance and management, team building, leadership training and community engagement.

*\*Administered by certified environmentalist, ordained Christian minister and certified Nature Informed Therapist*

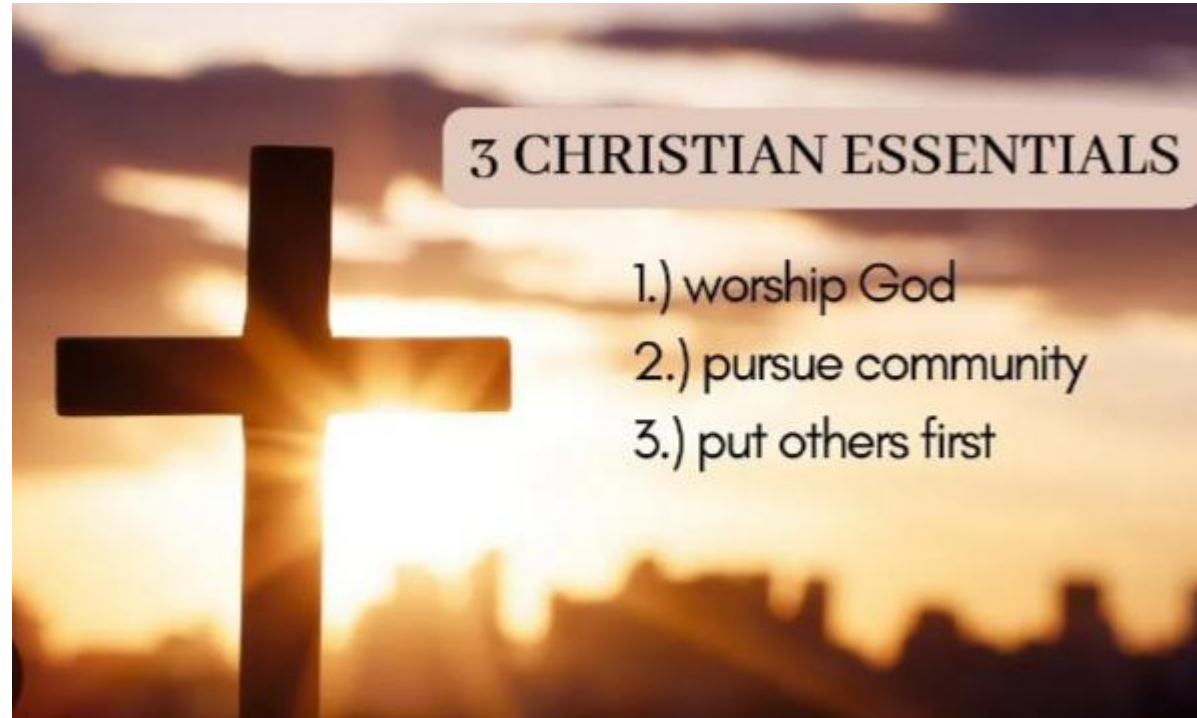


# TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

<b>Faith:</b>	obedience to Christ submission to God adherence to the Spirit
<b>Hope:</b>	expected outcome anticipated benefit/blessing probable increase
<b>Love:</b>	committed to provide significant sacrifice give without condition
<b>Salvation:</b>	from the law of sin and death from eternal damnation from the influence of the world
<b>Grace:</b>	unmerited favor unearned trust unqualified permission
<b>Mercy:</b>	withholding due punishment undeserved kindness declared innocent in spite of proof
<b>Witness:</b>	tells of their experiences with God tells of what they've seen God do tells of who they know God to be
<b>Testimony:</b>	tells where they were without God tells how they came to know God tells the growth produced by God
<b>Theology:</b>	who is your God? where is your God? what does your God want?
<b>Doctrine:</b>	when do you serve your God? why do you serve your God? how do you serve your God?

} what you believe

} how you believe it



# FAQ

## **Why do bad things happen to good people?**

The Bible says that we have an adversary in the devil who only comes to steal, kill and destroy. *Revelations 12* tells us that the devil is demented to wage war against us.

## **Will God answer all of my prayers?**

*James 4:2-3* tells us that we lust for things that we don't have and we kill and desire to have but still haven't obtained: we fight and war but we have not because we ask not; and when we do ask we have a tendency to ask for this that we want but that have no value to God or His kingdom.

*1 John 5:14-15* explains the confidence that we should have in God; that is we ask anything according to his will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we will have the requests that we have asked of Him.

## **Is tithing still required?**

According to scripture tithing was a requirement in the Old Testament for the people of Israel.

The new testament doesn't seem to *require* tithing. A requirement to tithe would be a law. In this new testament dispensation we are under grace, not the law.

However, joyful and abundant giving is required and is not limited to money. Give the best that you can with through prayer and obedience and only to support the work of the ministry, not the life of the minister.

Paul says, in 2 Corinthians 5:12, that if the willingness is there, that the gift (giving) is acceptable based on what the giver has, not what they don't have.

## **How do I know if I'm actually saved?**

*Ephesians 2:8-10* tells us that salvation is a free gift received by grace through faith and *Romans 11:29* tells us that the gifts and callings of God do not expire or get recalled.

Therefore, salvation will not be taken away from you, but what you do with it is up to you and is what you will be judged on.

## **Do I have to go to a traditional church?**

No, but in Paul's letter to the *Hebrews, chapter 10 verse 25*, he admonishes believers to assemble together regularly to encourage one another.

If you are the only Christian in the room then you are exactly where God wants you. That's what discipleship is all about. Not always talking and answering questions and participating in debates, but as the only believer in your circle your life, as it changes, will be the best discipleship tool you'll ever have.

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## **What if I've done bad things?**

Paul used to murder Christians before writing most of the new testament and according to the Bible David, though he acted for a time as an adulterer, murderer, liar, manipulator and deceiver, was "a man after God's own heart".

## **What if I'm struggling with bad habits?**

That's normal. We are instructed to fight the good fight and be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Fighting, transformation and renewal are all actions of effort over time.

Be consistent, stay the course and endure.

## **What books or influencers do you recommend for growth?**

The Bible. Proverbs, the book of wisdom, has 31 chapters, one for each day of the month. I recommend reading the chapter that corresponds with the current day of the month. (Chapter 1 on the first, chapter 2 on the second, chapter 15 on the fifteenth, and so on)

This is a good way to develop a personal devotional time, begin your own self paced Bible study and get used to reading your Bible and meditating on the Word day and night.

## **No one understands what I'm going through?**

*Hebrews 4:15* informs us that Jesus can relate to our feelings of weakness, despair and anguish because He was tempted in every way that we were and yet he never committed a sin.

## **Will God accept me like I am or do I need to get clean first?**

Do you wait to feel better before going to the hospital? Jesus spent time with those who most people looked over and ignored and said that he did not come for the righteous but sinners to repentance. Besides, Jesus loves cleaning us up.

## **I just got saved, now what?**

Spend as much time as you can praying, reading the word and meditating on what you read. Build up your relationship with God and learn to hear His voice.

# FAQ

## What does it mean is to be a Christian?

By definition, Christian is defined as one who follows the teachings and examples of Christ, and therefore Christianity is the accepted, adopted and authorized practices of collective Christians. (ye shall know them by their fruits). So then, how do we follow Jesus if He isn't first in line and or if we don't go the same way that He is going? **Jesus Must be First!** And His teachings, commandments and examples must be our guide. (When on a unknown path, you go where your guide tells you to. *{His word is a lamp into our feet and a light until our path}*)

Therefore, to be a Christian one must first be: ***Surrendered, Submitted, Saved and Sanctified*** | (Mathew 22:36-40)

1. Love the LORD God with all. 2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 23:39-43 -Why did Jesus save the thief?

1. He surrendered & submitted to Him as Lord. 2. He saw himself as the other thief(neighbor).

Paul's letter to the Philippians confirms this -

Chapter 1 - Paul surrenders to his circumstances, finds the good in his situation and understands it's about God's overall plan and not his comfort, happiness or success.

Chapter 2 - Paul admonishes us to submit (bring our will under subjection to Christ) by humbling ourselves, holding fast to the word of life (Christ's teachings) above all else, and help others.

Chapter 3 - Paul explains that by identifying as a Christian first, and placing our confidence in Christ rather than in the 7 identifying-markers (dung) of humanity, that we avoid the dog/dung dilemma by using our accomplishments (dung) as fertilizer to grow our ministry rather than feasting on them (as dogs do) to feed our ego.

Chapter 4 - Paul clearly instructs us to look after one another, to be satisfied with what we have and to desire to have more of the things that would allow us to be better Christians. He explains that we can be satisfied with what God has given us of Himself, and still desire more of Him, because of our relationship with His Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The thief on the cross did all four of these things in one statement.

1. "Lord" - he Surrendered to His authority.

2. "remember me when you enter you kingdom" - he Submitted to His power.

3. Jesus Saved him because he confessed Him as Lord.

4. "this day you will be With Me in paradise" - to be sanctified means 'to set apart', Jesus set the thief apart by saying he would be With Him, the thief was declared to be Jesus' "special guest".

**Salvation = confessions with the mouth. Belief in resurrection = righteousness. [Romans 10:8-10]**

There's no proof that the thief on the cross knew about or believed in the resurrection. But there Is proof that he confessed Jesus as Lord.

**Jesus' Death redeemed us and paid for our sins, His Burial covered up any evidence of our sins and His Resurrection allows for mercy as God sees us through (covered with) His blood.**

# FAQ

## What does it mean to forgive and to be forgiven ?

Biblical forgiveness is less connected to excusing ones behavior and more connected to a lender canceling a debt. When a financial institution (the Bible says "the wages of sin is death" and 'wages' are a financial term, so financial rules apply) cancels a debt it is done in writing and legally prohibits the lender from any rights or authority to sell future restitution.

Sin, according to scripture and within this context, is willful participation in a prohibition. Committing a sin and living in sin are not viewed as the same thing and hold different penalties. In the financial world, true debt forgiveness has no impact on credit. The debt is simply erased as if it never existed. In this case, you can still apply for and use credit, even with the same lender, because there is no evidence of a judgment.

However, partial debt forgiveness removes the payment owed but is often accompanied by a negative hit to one's credit score and there may be evidence of the judgment on permanent records for other lenders to see.

The later is the result of living in sin. Evidence remains because the behavior continued until consequences occurred.

However, in the financial, full debt forgiveness is still possible even after a partial judgment but it requires a minimal period of seven years where the remaining debt is paid off and a new application for forgiveness is submitted.

This 7 year period is when restitution is made. Paying the remaining debt is in essence compensation for damages. Though restitution is not a uniquely financial word (it's more often thought of in a criminal sense), the concept of "making it right" is at the heart of the credit scoring system.

This is what the Bible calls restoration. A process of specific actions over time that brings about complete and absolute wholeness.

Therefore, forgiveness is Christ paying our debt for us so that the Lender of Life receives back what He is due for the loan (our life). We pray (speak to God) in the name of Jesus because He paid our balance and purchased our debt so our account is now with Christ and, just like with any other bank, if we want to deposit into (God) we must deposit a check (request/prayer) that is written on a recognized note that is pre-authorized to conduct business on my behalf. God recognizes the name holding the account (Jesus), not the name of the account holder.

**To forgive others is to therefore: delete any evidence of payments due and to validate the account as in good standing, with a zero balance, and with no negative impact to their credit score which will allow them to continue to apply for and receive credit, goods and services, at the level they previously did.**

With this understanding we now know that it is impossible to truly forgive without forgetting. To remember is to 'hold on to'. To 'let go' is to forget; like forgetting the debt owed to us.

According to The Lord's Prayer, God will forgive us to the level we forgive others. And we will be judged based on how we judge others.

# FAQ

## What denomination is Yieldcamp?

Yieldcamp is an environmental stewardship and holistic health nonprofit, rooted in Christian values and biblical principles, functioning as a non-denominational outreach ministry, operating in alignment with the philosophies of the Christian mendicant order, and executing God's will through the itinerant servant model (ISM)

Mendicant orders were founded primarily to address the spiritual needs of growing urban populations by combining a life of poverty and begging with active preaching and ministry.



They were a direct response to the increasing wealth of the Church, which made many feel distant from the clergy, and arose as a way to live a life of radical poverty similar to that of Jesus. Key reasons for their founding include evangelizing the urban masses, providing religious instruction, and serving the poor and sick in newly developed cities.

### Key reasons for their founding

- **Urban evangelization:** Mendicant orders were designed to serve the rapidly growing urban populations that were often too large for parish churches to adequately support. They traveled to cities to preach, administer sacraments, and help people live a more spiritual life.
- **Emulating radical poverty:** They were founded by individuals like St. Francis and St. Dominic to embrace a life of extreme poverty, renouncing personal and communal possessions like land and fixed income, and relying on public charity for survival. This was seen as a way to more closely imitate Jesus.

### AI Overview



St. Francis of Assisi (1181/1182–1226) was an Italian friar, poet, and mystic who founded the Franciscan Order after a spiritual conversion in his youth. He renounced his wealthy background to live a life of poverty, preaching repentance and love, and is known for his deep connection to nature, for which he is the patron saint of ecology. St. Francis is also recognized for receiving the stigmata and is a beloved saint in the Catholic Church.



### Life and conversion

- Born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone into a wealthy family, he lived a carefree youth until illness and captivity during a military expedition led to a profound spiritual awakening.
- He began to reject his luxurious life and eventually gave up all his worldly possessions to live in poverty and serve the poor.
- A pivotal moment was when he heard a voice from a crucifix in the church of San Damiano instructing him to "repair my church," which he initially took literally by rebuilding the church stone by stone.

Franciscan "monks" are actually friars, members of religious orders like the Order of Friars Minor, founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209.



Unlike cloistered monks who live in isolation, friars are mendicant (begging) brothers and priests who live among the laity, serve society, and support themselves through donations, focusing on vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Their way of life emphasizes charity, humility, and a love for all creation, with the motto "Pax et bonum" (Peace and all good).

### Who they are and what they do

- **Religious orders:** The Franciscans are a large group of related organizations within the Catholic Church, including the First Order (for men), the Second Order (for nuns in the Order of Saint Clare), and the Third Order (for male and female lay members).
- **Mendicant lifestyle:** They are distinguished from monks by their focus on serving society rather than living in a cloistered, self-sufficient community. Friars move between different houses in their province and work directly with the public.

# FAQ

What is the *Itinerant Servant Model (ISM)*. [Matt 4:23]

Itinerant : (adj) traveling from place to place

Servant : (noun) one who performs duties for another

**1. Go to where they are**

- a) their community
- b) their environment

**2. Travel around within a specific region**

- a) stay within range
- b) stay under cover

**3. Teach to those with different beliefs**

- a) teach the truth in love
- b) teach to them within their comfort zone

**4. Proclaim/expose the gospel of the kingdom**

- a) kingdom of heaven
- b) kingdom of God

**5. Heal all manner of sickness**

- a) provide holistic health interventions
- b) provide mental health strategies and interventions

**6. Heal all manner of dis ease**

- a) assist with emotional challenges
- b) assist with psychological challenges

**7. Be among the people**

- a) experience their struggles
- b) experience their condition



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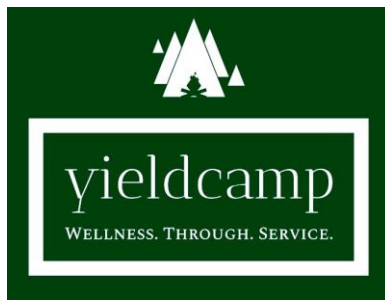
Matthew 25:31-46

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