

## BRAND RECOGNITION

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Stand Out Series

LG Discussion Guide



At the beginning of every year, Mavuno prays about a theme for the upcoming year and this year is no different. We believe that this is the year for you to “Stand Out!” I believe that this year, God’s desire is for His people to stand out, in their faith, in the way we relate with our families, in the way we run our businesses and careers, in the way we engage in politics and much more. This is your year to Stand Out!

**DISCUSS:** What is your definition of a “Christian?”

*Common definitions of the word, “Christian” are:*

- a) Someone who is **baptized** into the faith- Whether child or adult
- b) Some that takes a class and goes through **confirmation**
- c) Someone that was **raised** Christian or grew up in a Christian home
- d) People who pray the **prayer** of salvation.
- e) People who **believe**. Especially the right things.
- f) People who **behave right** or do the right things.

**READ & DISCUSS:** Acts 11:25-26 & John 13:33-36

The term Christian only appears three times in the Bible and even more surprising is that it was a derogatory term used by others to describe the followers of Jesus. The word used most in scripture to identify those that followed Christ was “*disciple*.” The terms “Christian” and “Disciple” are totally **different brands**.

*In Contrast to the term “Christian”, the word “Disciple is defined as:*

- A Follower
- A Learner
- A Pupil
- An Apprentice
- An Adherent
- A Person who says, “Whatever you say I will do”

**DISCUSS:**

- In order to stand out you need to know what brand you represent. Based on the definitions above which word **best** represents you right now, Christian OR Disciple? And Why?
- In John 13:35 says, “*By this all will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.*” On a scale from 1-10 (1-least, 10-best) how well would you say you love others?
- Does the scale change depending on the people (ie: Family, Friends, Co-workers, Neighbors, Strangers, “Enemies”)? Which group of people do you need to love better this new year?
- What is one practical action you want to do to radically love people better this year that you LG can help hold you accountable to do?

This is your year to stand out and the thing that will help us stand out is not our prosperity or how we pray! **The thing that will set us apart is our love for each other, and our love for those around us.** Go out and love extravagantly!