

12 FOR JESUS

INTRODUCTION

The goal of **12 for Jesus** is to make disciples of every person in the world by making

12 disciples for Jesus who *do likewise* **10** times.

Why? Jesus tells us in the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:19):
“Go to the people of all nations and make them my *disciples*... .”

The multiplication potential of **12 for Jesus** is as follows:

1
12
144
1728
20,736
248,832
2,985,984
35,831,808
429,981,696
5,159,780,352
WORLD

The God-inspired **training** for **12 for Jesus** is *simple yet powerful*.

It takes an investment of *only*
12 MINUTES A DAY FOR 12 MONTHS
and a
weekly gathering to share progress.

Why do people participate in **12 for Jesus**? There are 3 primary reasons:

1. Jesus *tells* us to make **disciples** for Him (Matthew 28:18-20).
2. Jesus will **reward** us if we make disciples (Revelation 22:12).
3. We **love** people and **care** where they spend eternity (Matthew 22:39).

The **Training Guide** can be downloaded *free* at
www.12forJesus.org
from anywhere in the world.

As you can read on **Day 1**, the training uses the following **Disciple (D) & Servant (S)** approach:

D: Who can launch a **12 for Jesus** group?

S: Any sincere follower of Jesus Christ.

D: How can a person get *started* with **12 for Jesus**?

S: Either by joining an existing **12 for Jesus** family or by beginning your own group.

D: How can I begin a new group?

S: It's recommended that you prepare by investing **12 minutes a day** to do **Month 1** so you'll get a feel for the training. Then, as soon as you get the first interested person, you can begin your **12 for Jesus** group. Just start him/her on the *first day* of any month with **Month 1 Day 1**.

D: Can I have people in my **12 for Jesus** family that are training in different months?

S: Yes, it works fine.

D: How can I interest people in joining my **12 for Jesus** family?

S: It's easy. Just ask, "*May I ask you a question?*" followed by, "*Have you discovered 12 for Jesus yet?*"

D: After downloading the **12 for Jesus** lessons *free* from the website, should I print them and put the lessons in a notebook for each of my disciples?

S: That's what we do. You can use a 3-ring, 1 ½ inch notebook with dividers numbered 1-12. We get our notebooks from Sam's and the dividers from Office Depot.

D: What happens at the **weekly gatherings**?

S: Everyone gets a chance to share the **progress** they made during the previous week toward making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*. We then go through the daily training to share the most helpful scripture verses, parts we circled in the lessons and prayers.

D: How long are the weekly gatherings?

S: At least **12** minutes for each person attending.

D: When & where are they held?

S: At a mutually convenient time & place.

D: What if all my disciples can't meet at the same time and/or place?

S: I meet with some of my disciples individually and even talk with some of them over the phone.

D: Can **12 for Jesus** even be done over the **Internet**?

S: Yes, you can have disciples anywhere in the world.

D: Do pastors participate in **12 for Jesus**?

S: Yes, pastors like the **12 for Jesus** approach because it can rapidly add new people to their churches and even make their jobs easier.

D: The multiplication potential printed above shows that a multiplication of only 3 times totals 1,728 disciples and 4 times is 20,736 disciples. That's church growth! How can **12 for Jesus** make a pastor's job easier?

S: The pastor's job is easier because each servant ministers to his/her own **12 for Jesus** family.

D: How can a pastor start **12 for Jesus** in his church?

S: He can begin by *quietly* gathering and training **12** key people. **12 for Jesus** then will gradually spread throughout the church and beyond as the initial **12** disciples multiply.

D: Has the **12 x 12** approach helped churches grow?

S: Yes, you can read about it in the book entitled **Groups of 12** by Joel Comiskey.

D: Can a pastor edit some of the training to customize it for his disciples?

S: Of course, just note where the original has been changed.

D: How did God create **12 for Jesus**?

S: Through a series of revelations to this servant over a period of about 30 years. The first occurred during prayer at church in late 1977 with these surprising words from Jesus: "*I am coming back. Prepare for My return.*"

D: How did you respond?

S: As a born-again, Spirit-filled Christian businessman, I began asking Jesus **how** He wanted to prepare people for His return. His

answer came about **12** years later. On January 17, 1990, at the summit of a local mountain called Mt. Cristo Rey, a group of us prayed: “*Jesus, how do You want us to prepare people for Your return?*” Suddenly, with my eyes closed, I saw a large **12** with a circle around it. Before I could say anything, the other people started shouting: “*12’s, 12’s, 12’s. Jesus says to prepare by 12’s!*”

D: Was that a surprise?

S: It was! The next insight came years later upon visiting the world’s fastest growing church. It is in Bogotá and currently has **180,000** members. It is organized in **Groups of 12!**

D: Wow! What happened next?

S: It became obvious that *simple, God-inspired training* would be the key to success with **12 for Jesus**. Training for **12 minutes a day for 12 months** with a weekly **progress gathering** was prayerfully selected. The **12 for Jesus Training Guide** was written and field-tested in 2005. It works! In just **14** months, my **12 disciples** grew to over **144** disciples.

D: What’s the latest?

S: The **12 for Jesus** training continues to be refined as participants, like you, make suggestions for improvements. As you have suggestions or questions, please e-mail us at info@12forJesus.org.

D: Anything else you want to share with us about **12 for Jesus**?

S: Yes, do you know that although the **12 for Jesus training** cycle is only **12 months**, if it takes your **12 for Jesus** family an average of **3** years to multiply, everyone in the world can be reached in only **30** years? And if it takes an average of **5** years to multiply, the world can be reached in only **50** years?

D: That’s better than we’ve done in the past 2,000 years. What else?

S: Do you know that when only **30%** of the world’s 2 billion Christians make only **12 disciples for Jesus**, the entire world will be won for Jesus? And when only **3%** of the world’s Christians make **12 disciples for Jesus** who each make only **12 disciples for Jesus**, the entire world will be won for Jesus?

D: Impressive. The world can be won for Jesus.

S: Yes, as we each make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise*, every person can be prepared for the triumphant, glorious return of Jesus. *Let’s do it!*

D: Anything else?

S: Yes, when you stand before Jesus, how do you want to answer this question:

“How many disciples did you make for Me?”

D: I want to please Jesus.

S: **12 for Jesus** can help you give Jesus a good report. Then He will tell you:

*“Well done, good and faithful servant.
Enter into the joy of your Lord!”*

D: That’s what I want to hear. How to I get started?

S: Begin on the first of the month with **Month 1 Day 1**. Put your lessons in a 1 ½ inch, 3-ring notebook with a divider for each month.

D: Anything else?

S: Set a **time** to invest **12 minutes a day** every day. *Then do it.* You’ll love it!

D: Will you pray for me?

S: Of course. “*Dear God, please help this precious one of Yours become a mature, fruitful disciple that makes 12 disciples for Jesus who do likewise. Thank you.*” Amen