

MONTH 1

DAY 1

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew, Chapter 1**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

Each week we will have a scripture to memorize. Our first scripture is the **Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20**. It's suggested you write it on a 3x5 inch card.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What's **12 for Jesus**?

Servant: It's people making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*.

D: What's the motivation for **12 for Jesus**?

S: Jesus tells us to "...**make disciples**..." for Him. (Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20).

D: So far, I haven't made any. Can **12 for Jesus** help me **make disciples** for Jesus?

S: Yes.

D: Please excuse my asking, but what's in this for me?

S: **Rewards**. Jesus says in Revelation 22:12, "...I will **reward** everyone for what they have done."

D: Sounds good. What's the **12 for Jesus** training?

S: It's only **12 minutes/day** for **12 months**. Your **12 for Jesus** family gathers weekly so you and the others can share what you've learned that week.

D: Sounds easy.

S: It is. The *free* daily training consists of a scripture reading, a lesson and prayer.

D: Speaking of scripture reading, why does Matthew begin with the hard-to-pronounce names of the genealogy of Jesus? Probably

some people try to read this first part and just give up, right?

S: Maybe. Family background is important to Jewish people. Their long-awaited leader, called **Messiah**, was to come from the lineage of King David. In Acts 2:30 it says that God told King David that "... *He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne.*"

D: That's clearly established in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. It's interesting that there are 3 sets of 14 generations from Abraham to Jesus.

S: Sounds as though God had planned it, doesn't it?

D: The conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit is hard for me to understand.

S: Joseph, Mary's future husband, was also perplexed until an angel of the Lord explained it to him in verses 20 & 21.

D: Also a prophet predicted it, didn't he?

S: Yes, about 600 years earlier, Isaiah predicted, "*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son and they shall call His name Immanuel.*" (Isaiah 7:14)

D: The Bible says Immanuel means, "**God With Us**". This is getting interesting.

S: You're going to love the **12 for Jesus training**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

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MONTH 1

DAY 2

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 2**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: So the plan is for me to invest **12 minutes a day** for **12 months**. By doing this I will make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *will each do likewise*. Jesus Himself will **reward** me, right?

Servant: You've got it.

D: I'm not a math genius, but it won't take many multiplications by **12** to reach lots of people, will it?

S: Right again. Once your **12** have each made **12** disciples for Jesus, it totals **144** people. That's more people than are in the average sized church.

D: And, according to my calculator, when those 144 have each made **12** disciples for Jesus the total is **1,728** people, correct?

S: Correct. That's enough people to fill most large churches in just **2** multiplications.

D: I understand that when Jesus comes back the second time, you are believing that at least **1,000,000** people will be prepared for Him from your area. How many multiplications by **12** will that take?

S: Only **6**.

D: How many multiplications will it take to make disciples of every person on planet earth?

S: Only **10**.

D: *Have you calculated the numbers?*

S: Of course. We call it the multiplication by **12's Christmas tree**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

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144
1728
20,736
248,832
2,985,984
35,831,808
429,981,696
5,159,780,352
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D: So, although the training only takes 1 year, if it took an average of 3 years for each multiplication, it would only take 30 years to reach every person in the world, right?

S: Right.

D: That's very interesting. And my job is just to become a mature disciple of Jesus and then make **12 disciples for Jesus** that *each do likewise*?

S: Yes.

D: Our scripture reading today tells about Satan trying to kill Jesus through the wicked King Herod.

S: Yes, fortunately Joseph was warned in a dream about the plot and fled with his small family until it was safe to return to Israel.

D: Can God warn me in a dream?

S: Of course, God loves you and your future 12.

MONTH 1

DAY 3

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 3**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Why the number **12**?

Servant: Jesus had **12 disciples**. He set the *example* for us.

D: Any other reasons?

S: The number **12** is used extensively in the Bible. Our day and night each have **12** hours and our year has **12** months. Israel was organized into **12** tribes (Genesis 35:23). Joshua had **12** stones taken from the Jordan River to build a monument (Joshua 4:4-9), Elijah rebuilt the altar with **12** stones (1 Kings 18:31) and Solomon appointed **12** governors (1 Kings 4:7). The Heavenly Jerusalem has a foundation built from **12** kinds of stones and has **12** giant pearls for gates with **12** angels guarding them (Revelation 21:12-21) and the Tree of Life bears **12** fruits, one for each of the **12** months (Revelation 22:2).

D: Impressive. Any other reasons for **12**?

S: Yes, God showed me a vision of a **12** in 1990. I had been asking since 1984 how He wanted to organize our efforts to prepare people for His second coming.

D: Our scripture reading today was about John the Baptist preparing the way for the first coming of Jesus, wasn't it?

S: Yes.

D: Are others multiplying by **12**'s?

S: Yes, the fastest growing church in the world is organized in multiples of **12**. International Charismatic Mission is located in Bogotá, Colombia and currently has over 180,000 members. The pastor, Cesar Castellano, got the inspiration in 1991 to train **12** people who would *each do likewise*. One of my 12 and his wife were members of that church. I have visited Bogotá 3 times.

D: Is there a book written about this amazing **12**'s church?

S: Yes, it's called **Groups of 12** by Joel Comiskey. The **12**'s approach is now spreading to other churches around the world.

D: What's the key to success with the **12**'s?

S: Simple, life-changing **training** inspired and empowered by God.

D: Back to today's scripture reading, John tells us that he baptizes with water but that Jesus shall also baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire. What's does "*baptize*" mean?

S: We'll cover that on Month 1 Day 16.

D: In the final sentence of today's reading, God says from heaven, "*This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with Him.*"

S: Make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise* and God will be *pleased* with you, too.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

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DAY 4

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 4**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Is the **12 for Jesus** training for *new* or *old* Christians?

Servant: Both. It's primarily for *new* but it's also helpful for *old*.

D: How long will it take to do the daily scripture reading?

S: Only about 5 minutes a day.

D: And we'll read the entire **New Testament** in one year?

S: Yes, Jesus tells us in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:20), "... *teach them to do everything I have told you.*"

D: Reading the entire New Testament is a good way to do that. What about the **Old Testament**?

S: The New Testament has a lot of references to the Old Testament.

D: How long would it take to read the Old Testament in a year?

S: An extra 15 minutes/day.

D: What's the difference between the Old and New Testaments?

S: The Old is before the birth of Jesus and the New is after.

D: What version of the New Testament do you use for **12 for Jesus** training?

S: Mostly the Contemporary English Version (CEV) from the American Bible Society (ABS). It's easy to understand. You can use some other version if you prefer.

D: When is the best time to invest **12 minutes** for my daily **12 for Jesus** training?

S: First thing in the morning, before interruptions begin. Just get up 12 minutes earlier in the morning by going to bed 12 minutes earlier. Redeem the time by watching less TV.

D: In today's scripture reading, Satan again tries to destroy Jesus by tempting Him, didn't he?

S: Yes and Jesus effectively used scriptures to resist Satan.

D: That's another reason why it is important for us to know the scriptures, isn't it?

S: Yes, then Satan won't be able to lie to us.

D: After 40 days of fasting and prayer, Jesus began to preach, "*Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here.*" (verse 17)

S: That's still a relevant message for today, isn't it?

D: Yes. Next Jesus began to gather His **12 disciples**. Jesus knew who His disciples were and when He said, "*Come with Me*", they did. They left everything and followed Jesus.

S: Then Jesus went all over Galilee preaching, healing and casting out demons. At the same time He was *training* his **12 disciples** by allowing them to spend time with Him.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

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MONTH 1

DAY 5

SCRIPTURE

Your scripture reading for today is **Matthew 5:1-26**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: What if I have *questions* when reading the Bible?

Servant: Most of the Bible is easy to understand. As you begin reading each day, ask God to give you understanding. If you have questions, there are many ways to get answers. If you have a "study" Bible, it will answer most of your questions. Another way is to go to our website at www.epfj.org. Click on the *Links* and then *Bible Gateway*.

D: May I ask *questions* at our weekly **12 for Jesus** gathering?

S: Of course, but those sessions are primarily for sharing what you learned that week that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

D: I know this is basic, but how do I find a specific part of the Bible, such as Matthew 28:18-20.

S: That's easy. Here's what it means: Matthew (book), 28 (chapter): 18-20 (verses). Look in the Table of Contents under New Testament for the page where the book of Matthew begins. It's the first book. Look in Matthew for the large numbers. They are the chapters. Then look on the pages for the smaller numbers. They are the verses. Now practice by looking up Matthew (book) 28 (chapter):18-20 (verses).

D: Got it. Is it OK to write in my Bible?

S: Yes, please do. Underline helpful parts and write notes in the margins.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

D: Today's scripture reading is the beginning of the famous **Sermon on the Mount**, isn't it?

S: Yes, it is one of the most important teachings of Jesus. It's filled with wisdom that can help you reach and teach your 12.

D: "*God blesses those people who **depend only on Him**. They belong to the Kingdom of Heaven.*" (verse 3)

S: **Depend** on God and be blessed.

D: What's your definition of "*God blesses*"?

S: God is good to them.

D: "*God blesses those people who are **humble**. The earth will belong to them.*" (verse 5)

S: God can work through **humble** people.

D: "*God blesses those people who want to **obey Him more than eat or drink**.*" (verse 6)

S: Yes, "*They will be given what they want.*"

D: And those people who have **pure hearts** will *see* God. (verse 7)

S: And those who are peace **makers** will be called God's *children*. (verse 9)

D: And those of us who are mistreated for doing the right thing should be *happy* because we **belong** to the **Kingdom of Heaven**. (verses 10-12)

S: Yes, Jesus gave us some great insights with today's scripture reading that will be helpful to us and our **12**, didn't He?

MONTH 1

DAY 6

SCRIPTURE

The **Sermon on the Mount** continues today in **Matthew 5:27-48**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: As I understand it, I am a member of a **12 for Jesus** family and, after training, I will start my own group of **12**. Is that correct?

Servant: Yes.

D: Will I *always* be a member of my original **12 for Jesus** family?

S: Yes.

D: Sounds good to me. Will the **12 for Jesus** training teach me how to *approach prospects* for my **12**?

S: Yes, you will learn easy ways to talk to people about **Jesus** and **12 for Jesus**. Meanwhile, begin **praying** that God will prepare **12** wonderful disciples for you.

D: OK. How soon may I begin training my **12**?

S: When you know what Jesus **told** His disciples and are **doing** it (Matthew 28:20).

D: That's why we're reading the entire **New Testament** during these **12** months, right?

S: Right

D: It's important that I be a good *example* to my **12**, isn't it?

S: Yes.

D: When can a mature Christian begin training their **12**?

S: That's up to God, the person and his/her Servant.

D: Today's scripture reading has some more of God's gems, doesn't it?

S: Did you notice that the last verse (48) summarizes the entire teaching?

D: Yes, "*But you must always act like your Father in Heaven.*"

S: What a challenge. God, please help us.

D: First, "... *Be faithful in marriage.*"

S: And don't even *think* about anyone other than your mate.

D: Even the Jewish religion teaches "... *an eye for an eye*" (verse 38), but Jesus has a radically different teaching about revenge, doesn't He?

S: Yes, Jesus says in verse 30, "*When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap the other cheek.*"

D: Jesus even says in verse 44, "*I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you.*"

S: The next verse says, "*Then you'll be acting like your Father in Heaven.*"

D: I'm beginning to see why Jesus became the most influential person in the history of the world.

S: Follow the teachings of Jesus and you will make **12 disciples for Jesus** who each do likewise. Jesus Himself will give you eternal **rewards**.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

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MONTH 1

DAY 7

SCRIPTURE

The inspiring **Sermon on the Mount** continues today in **Matthew 6**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: I want to begin getting my **12** people as soon as possible. What's the first step?

Servant: Pray. It worked for Jesus and will work for you, too.

D: Good idea. Should the **12** be *new* or *old* Christians?

S: Primarily *new* but your **12** may include some of your Christian friends.

D: How can I approach my Christian friends?

S: It's easy. Always get permission first by asking, "***May I ask you a question?***" Most people will say, "*Sure*".

D: That opens the door. What's next?

S: Simply say, "***Have you heard about 12 for Jesus?***"

D: That's easy.

S: Yes, and whether they answer "*No*" or "*Yes*" it gives an opening to share about **12 for Jesus**.

D: What should I tell them about **12 for Jesus**?

S: Just review **Month 1, Days 1 & 2** from the training guide. They say it all.

D: You don't expect me to carry my training notebook with me, do you?

S: No, just make a copy of those 2 pages and take them with you.

D: Thanks for the good idea. I'll do it this week. Today's scripture reading is another blockbuster, isn't it?

S: Yes, it explodes our usual way of acting.

D: Jesus says that when I give, pray and fast, keep it just between me and God. (verses 1-18)

S: Yes, because then you'll get rewarded by God and not just by man.

D: In verses 9-13, Jesus teaches us how to pray by using the **Lord's Prayer** as a model.

S: Then in verses 14-15, Jesus teaches us to **forgive** others if we want God to **forgive** us.

D: Jesus even tells us in verses 19-21 to make deposits in our account in Heaven instead of our local bank.

S: Jesus then says something our spirit knows is true, "*Your heart will always be where your treasure is.*" (verse 21)

D: Jesus sums it up in verse 33, "*But more than anything else, put God's work **first** and do what He wants. Then all the other things (food, housing, clothes, transportation *et al*) will be yours as well*"

S: And God's work for us is to make **12 disciples** who *each do likewise*. Then our rewards, those *other things*, will come to from Jesus Himself.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

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MONTH 1

DAY 8

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is Matthew 7. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

Scripture **memory verse** for this week is Matthew 22:37-39. Please write it on a 3x5 inch card.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: In addition to the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:18-20), what else did Jesus tell us to do?

Servant: The **Great Commandment**.

D: What's that?

S: Jesus tells us to **love God**. You can read it in Matthew 22:37.

D: Makes sense. What else?

S: Jesus tells us the second great commandment is to **love others** just as we love ourselves. That's in Matthew 22:39.

D: So **love** is the bottom line, right?

S: Yes.

D: How can I learn to **love** better?

S: Experience God's **love** for you.

D: How?

S: During prayer, ask and keep asking, "*God, do you love me?*" Wait for His response. It's life changing.

D: Are these **Great Commandments** our scripture memory for this week?

S: How did you guess?

D: The remarkable **Sermon on the Mount** continues today with Matthew 7.

S: Yes, the people were impressed with Jesus' teaching. The last verse says, '*He taught them like someone with **authority**... .*'

D: The first lesson Jesus teaches us today is, "*Don't condemn (judge) others, and God will not condemn you. He will be as hard on you as you are on others! He will treat you exactly as you treat them.*" (verses 1 & 2)

S: In verse 12 Jesus adds what has become known as the **Golden Rule**, "*Treat others as you want them to treat you... .*"

D: In verses 7-11, Jesus encourages us to "*ask, search and knock*".

S: Over the years I have found this to be good advice. Ask, and **keep asking**, and you shall receive from God. I asked for 7 years before receiving the **vision of 12**.

D: In verses 13 & 14, Jesus teaches us that God's way to blessings takes effort to find.

S: Yes, reading the Bible and doing what it says will give you a spiritual roadmap.

D: In verses 15-20 Jesus tells us to be like a "*good tree*" that "*produces good fruit*".

S: Yes, because "*Every tree that produces bad fruit (or no fruit) will be chopped down and burned.*"

D: Ouch! Good fruit for us includes making **12 disciples** for Jesus who *each do likewise*, right?

S: Right.

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PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

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MONTH 1

DAY 9

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 8**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What do disciples of Jesus **believe**?

Servant: Here's one summary of our beliefs:

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We believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

*We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He **rose again**, He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will **come again** to judge the living and the dead.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the **forgiveness of sins**, the **resurrection of the body**, and the **life everlasting**. Amen.*

D: I've heard that in church, right?

S: Right.

D: It gives us a lot to think about, doesn't it?

S: Yes.

D: Didn't our own Manny Hinojosa make a list of **12** basic Christian principles?

S: Yes. We'll look at them tomorrow.

D: In **Matthew 8**, Jesus finally comes down the mountain but large crowds still followed Him.

S: Jesus first healed a man with leprosy. That would be like healing someone with AIDS today, wouldn't it?

D: Yes, the man had **faith** that Jesus could heal him. He said in verse 2, "...Lord, you have the power to make me well... ."

S: The army officer in verses 14:5-13 had **faith** in Jesus also. He said in verse 8, "... Just give the order, and my servant will get well."

D: Jesus did and the servant was healed, long distance!

S: Then, in verses 14-17, Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, many people suffering from demons and "...healed everyone who was sick."

D: As Jesus and his disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee, a strong storm hit them. The disciples woke Jesus with, "... Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" (verse 25)

S: "But Jesus replied, 'Why are you so afraid? You surely don't have much **faith**'."

D: "Then He got up and ordered the wind and the waves to calm down. And everything was calm." (verse 26)

S: His 12 disciples were amazed and said, "**Who is this?** Even the wind and the waves obey Him." (verse 27)

D: We can still ask that question today, "**Who is this?**"

S: But we know the answer, "**Jesus is God.**"

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 10

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 9:1-17**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What are the **12 basic Christian beliefs** compiled by Manny Hinojosa?

Servant: Here is Manny's list:

1. In the beginning, **God** created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
2. God made everything, including man, to be "...*very good*...". (Genesis 1:31).
3. God's perfect **love** allowed man to have **free will** (Genesis 2:16).
4. Man used his free will to **disobey** God (Genesis 2:17, 3:6).
5. Disobedience (sin) brought about **death, evil** and **disease** (Genesis 3:14-19).
6. God has a plan to **free** us from sin and its consequences (John 3:16).
7. God's plan is to wash away our sins (salvation) with the **blood** of His **sinless** Son (Ephesians 1:7 & 2 Corinthians 5:21).
8. **Repentance** (turning away from sin) is the first step toward salvation (Matthew 3:2).
9. Jesus Christ will not force us to accept Him, but knocks on the **door of our heart** (Rev 3:20).
10. We must be **born again** to see the Kingdom of God (John 3:3).
11. We are to **love** God and each other (Matthew 22:37-39).
12. We are to make **disciples** for Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20).

D: In our scripture reading today, Jesus heals the crippled man because he and his friends had **faith** in Jesus' ability to **heal** him.

S: Yes, Jesus continues to tie **healing** and **faith**, doesn't He?

D: Do you have **faith** that Jesus can still **heal**?

S: Absolutely. I've seen Jesus do it, and experienced healing myself, numerous times.

D: Also, Jesus pairs **forgiveness of sin** and **healing**. Could that mean that sin can cause infirmity?

S: Sounds like it, doesn't it?

D: Later Jesus befriends Matthew, a sinful tax collector. He confuses the religious leaders by even having dinner at Matthew's house with his sinner friends.

S: Jesus explains in verse 13, "...*I didn't come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite **sinners**.*" Let's keep that in mind as we make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

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PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 1

DAY 11

The scripture reading today is **Matthew 9:18-38**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Are there any other major commandments Jesus told His disciples?

Servant: Yes, one is called the **New Commandment**. In John 13:34, Jesus says, *"I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you."*

D: There's "**love**" again, isn't it?

S: Yes. If you summarize all that Jesus **told** us to **do**, it would be one word: **LOVE**.

D: And, as Ruben Fierro says, the key to **doing** all that Jesus **told** us is **LOVE**. As we grow in loving God, ourselves and others, we can be more forgiving, non-judgmental, patient, kind, generous and gentle.

S: We call our dear brother, Ruben, the Apostle of Love.

D: And the key to **love** is to experience the **love** God has for us, right?

S: Yes. Have you experienced God's love yet?

D: Somewhat, but I'm asking for more. We read in Matthew 7:7, *"Ask and you shall receive it"* so I have faith more **love** is coming.

S: Good. Consider asking some others in our family of 12 who have experienced God's love to pray with you about this. In Matthew 18:19 Jesus tells His disciples, *"I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you."*

D: Will do. Anything more about **love**?

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PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

S: **Love** your **12** as Jesus **loved** His **12**. Care enough about them to share Jesus' plan for happiness both now and for eternity.

D: Good advice. In verses 18-26 of today's scripture reading, a Jewish official asked Jesus to resurrect his dead daughter.

S: When Jesus raised her up, *"News about this spread all over that part of the country."* (verse 26)

D: While Jesus was on His way to the dead girl, a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years, merely touched His clothes and was healed. (verses 20-22)

S: Then Jesus told 2 blind men, *"Because of your faith, you will be healed."* (verse 29)

D: In verse 32, it says, *"As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, some people brought to him a man who could not talk because a demon was in him."* Do demons still affect people?

S: Yes. We'll cover that later.

D: At the end of our reading, Jesus *"... saw the crowds and felt sorry for them."* (verse 36)

S: Jesus compared the lost people to, *"A large crop in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in."* (verse 37)

D: That's what Jesus is doing through **12 for Jesus**, isn't it?

S: It is. Let's talk to our family, friends and neighbors about joining our **12**.

MONTH 1

DAY 12

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 10:1-23**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What are the top **12 scriptures** that can help me make **12 disciples for Jesus**?

Servant: You ask hard questions. These are my top **12 scriptures**:

1. **Great Commission/Witness** (Matthew 28:18-20) *Make disciples for Jesus. Teach them to do what Jesus told His disciples.*
2. **Disciples** (Matthew 10:1) *Reach, teach and empower your 12 the way Jesus did His 12.*
3. **Follow Jesus** (Matthew 4:19) *Fish for your 12. Ask, "What would Jesus do?"*
4. **Heaven or Hell** (John 3:3,16 & 14:6) *Your 12 can get to Heaven only by believing in Jesus.*
5. **Great Commandments** (Matthew 22:37-40) & **New Commandment** (John 13:34) *Love God and love your 12 as you love yourself. Even more, love your 12 as Jesus loves you. Be willing to sacrifice for your 12. Love is the key to doing what Jesus told us to do.*
6. **10 Commandments** (Exodus 20:1-17) *Be a good example for your 12. Worship God only, not idols. Keep the Sabbath holy and honor your parents. Don't swear, murder, commit adultery, steal, lie or be envious.*
7. **Lord's Prayer & Forgiveness** (Matthew 6:9-15) *Forgive and you'll be forgiven and healed. Model forgiveness to your 12.*
8. **Faith** (Hebrews 11) *Faith will help you reach & teach your 12.*
9. **Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:8) *Provides the boldness and words to reach & teach your 12.*
10. **Love** (Matthew 7:12; 1 Corinthians 13) & **Serve** (Matthew 20:26-28) *Love & serve your family of 12. It works.*
11. **Harvest** (Luke 10:2) *Lost people surround you. Reach out and get your 12.*
12. **Preparing for Jesus** (Matthew 24:30-31) *Jesus is coming back. Help prepare by reaching & teaching 12 who will each follow your example.*

D: Thanks for the helpful list. In today's wonderful reading, Jesus gives His **12** the **power** to "*force out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and sickness*". (verse 1)

S: We are disciples of Jesus, aren't we? By using the name of Jesus, we have the **same power**. Let's use it to help get our **12**.

D: Yes, let's. Jesus next sent His disciples with specific instructions and warned them that there might be some difficult times. Jesus comforted them with, "*The Spirit from your Father will tell you what to say*".

S: And the Holy Spirit will tell us what to say to get our **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 1

DAY 13

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 10:24-42**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today’s reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Since we are into **top 12** lists, what are the **top 12 qualities** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus?**

your personality, your character, of who you are. Rate yourself from **0-10** on each quality. What’s your total score?

Servant: Here are the **top 12 qualities**. Seek them. Pray for them. Make them a part of

TOP 12 QUALITIES

0-10

COMMENTS

1. Loving & Caring	___	<i>These are essential to reach & teach your 12.</i>
2. Diligent	___	<i>Being a diligent servant to your 12 for Jesus family gets results.</i>
3. Serving	___	<i>Serve your family of 12. Pray for them.</i>
4. Encouraging	___	<i>Encourage your 12. We all need encouragement.</i>
5. Integrity	___	<i>Be a good, Christ-like example.</i>
6. Dependable	___	<i>Your 12 will trust you only if you are dependable.</i>
7. Understanding	___	<i>Seek understanding. Realize that everyone is different.</i>
8. Confident	___	<i>Be confident that the 12 for Jesus training works.</i>
9. Scriptural	___	<i>Base your words and actions on the scriptures.</i>
10. Holy Spirit Filled	___	<i>You shall receive power to witness from the Holy Spirit.</i>
11. Wise	___	<i>Proverbs 7:17 advises you to seek wisdom diligently.</i>
12. Born Again	___	<i>Jesus says you must be born again to see the Kingdom of God.</i>
TOTAL SCORE	___	

D: In our scripture reading today, Jesus tells us 3 times: “Don’t be **afraid**....!”

D: In verse 38 Jesus says, “*And unless you are willing to take up your cross and come with Me, you are not fit to be My disciples.*”

S: Jesus also says, “*If you tell others that you belong to Me, I will tell my Father in heaven that you are my follower. But if you reject me, I will tell my Father in heaven that you don’t belong to me.*” (verse 32)

S: In some ways, making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise* is our cross, isn’t it?

D: Perhaps. It’s clear that Jesus wants us all to **make disciples for Him**. Let’s do it.

The main part of today’s **lesson** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 14

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is Matthew 11. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: You said there would be more training today about talking with people about joining my **12**, right?

Servant: Right. You have a good memory.

D: I've used the approach from **Day 7** with my Christian friends. *It works*. What's next?

S: First, let's review what you've learned.

D: Always get permission by first asking, "*May I ask you a question?*"

S: What does that do?

D: It opens the door.

S: Right. What do you say next?

D: "*Have you heard about 12 for Jesus?*"

S: No matter what they answer, it can lead to a conversation about **12 for Jesus**, can't it?

D: Yes, I made copies of **Month 1, Days 1 & 2** and briefly went over the highlights of **12 for Jesus** with my Christian friends.

S: Remember to emphasize how **12 for Jesus** will benefit them.

D: Such as the big time "*rewards*" from Jesus for making disciples for Him?

S: Yes, it's better than winning the lottery.

D: Should I ask them to join my **12**?

S: Of course, close the sale.

D: Do you have another easy, effective way to approach my Christian friends?

S: Yes. First ask "*May I ask you a question?*"

D: Got it. What's next?

S: Sincerely ask, "*How many disciples have you made for Jesus?*"

D: That's convicting, isn't it?

S: It is. You can then show them **Month 1, Days 1 & 2** from the **12 for Jesus** training guide.

D: That'll work.

S: Then close the sale by asking them to join your **12 for Jesus** family.

D: Will do. At the end of today's scripture reading, Jesus encourages us with, "*If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest.*" (verse 28)

S: Comforting, isn't it?

D: Yes, at the beginning of our reading, Jesus had been "... *instructing His 12 disciples...*"

S: It's wonderful to have Jesus instruct us through the Bible and the Holy Spirit, isn't it?

D: It is. Verse 25 says, "*At that moment Jesus said: 'My Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated (proud?) people and showed it to ordinary people. Yes, Father, this is what pleased you.'*"

S: Let's please the Father by making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 1

DAY 15

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 12:1-21**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

Scripture **memory verse** for this week is the famous **John 3:16**. Please write it on a 3x5 inch card.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What does Jesus mean by "**born again**"?

Servant: Let's read in **John 3:3** what Jesus tells a Jewish leader named Nicodemus. "*I tell you for certain that you must be born from above (born again) before you can see God's kingdom.*"

D: Sounds strange. How did Nick respond?

S: He said in the next verse, "*How can a grown man ever be born a second time?*"

D: Good question. What did Jesus answer?

S: Jesus answered, "*I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the **Spirit**. Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's **Spirit** can change you into a **child of God**.*"

D: Does "*born of water*" refer to the fluid in a human mother's womb?

S: Good deduction. We were first born into a physical family with imperfect, human parents and the problems that resulted. Fortunately, Jesus teaches that we can be born a second time by the Holy Spirit into a spiritual family with God as our perfect parents. This allows you to personally experience being part of the family of God.

D: That sounds wonderful. Do I have to do anything to be born again into the family of God?

S: In John 1:12 you are told, "*Yet some people accepted Him (Jesus) and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to be the children of God.*"

D: So if I accept Jesus and put my faith in him, I can be born again into the family of God?

S: Yes.

D: I'm ready. How do I do it?

S: Just sincerely pray this prayer: "*Jesus, I love You. I confess that I have sinned. I am sorry for those sins and choose to live a better life. I forgive everyone who has sinned against me. Thank you for shedding Your blood on the cross to wash away my sins. I accept You as my Lord and Savior. I believe in You. I put my faith in You. I confess You with my mouth and believe in my heart that God raised You from the dead. I open the door to my heart and invite You to come inside and live Your life through me. Thank you that I am now born again by the Holy Spirit into the family of God. Amen*"

D: I feel better already. Is this prayer based on scriptures?

S: Yes, as you know from yesterday, in John 3:16 Jesus says, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life*". Also, Romans 10:9 says, "*So you will be saved (and born again) if you honestly say, 'Jesus is Lord' and if you believe with all your heart that God raised Him from death*".

Did you sincerely say the prayer? If so, you are **born again** into God's family. Welcome. It's the best decision anyone could ever make.

The main part of today's **lesson** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 16

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is Matthew 12:22-50. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Yesterday we learned about being "born again" into the family of God. What's next?

Servant: **Baptism** with *water*.

D: Tell me about **baptism**.

S: Jesus teaches in Mark 16:16 that if you believe and are **baptized**, you will be saved.

D: Even Jesus was **baptized** in the Jordan River, wasn't He?

S: Yes, you read about it in Matthew 3:13-17.

D: What's the purpose of **baptism**?

S: **Baptism** with water is symbolic of dying to your old self and, through the Father, Son & Holy Spirit, being born again into the family of God.

D: Anything else?

S: Yes. It also represents our old self dying with Jesus on the cross, being buried with Him and then being raised back to our new life with Him. In Romans 6:4 you are told, "*When we were **baptized**, we died and were buried with Christ. We were **baptized**, so that we would have new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father*".

D: Any other scriptures about **baptism** with *water*?

S: Yes, plenty. For example, in Acts 16:23-34 it tells about a jailer who asks, "*Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*" Peter and Silas

answered, "*... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.*" They did and it reports in verse 33, "*...immediately he and all his family were **baptized***".

D: Is **baptism** by *water* just a splash or do I go completely under the water?

S: Both are used but, since Jesus was submerged, that's our preferred method.

D: When can I be baptized in water?

S: Whenever you want it.

D: Good, let's do it. Anything more?

S: Your **water baptism** is an act of dying to your old self and becoming born again into the family of God. You'll remember it forever.

D: In today's scripture reading, Jesus heals a man who was blind and mute because he had a demon in him.

S: Jesus said that in order to heal someone like this man, the strong man demon must be driven out first. Remember that we have power over all the forces of evil by using Jesus' name.

D: At the end of today's reading Jesus says, "*Anyone who obeys My Father in Heaven is My brother or sister or mother.*"

S: How sweet it is! Let's teach our **12** to get baptized and obey God.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 1

DAY 17

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is Matthew 13:1-32. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What's after baptism with water?

Servant: Baptism with the **Holy Spirit**.

D: John the Baptist said Jesus will baptize us with the **Holy Spirit**, didn't He?

S: Congratulations, you remembered. It was in your reading for Day 3 in Matthew 3:11.

D: Excuse me for asking but Who, or What, is the Holy Spirit?

S: He is the Spirit of God.

D: What can He do for me? Or, even better, what can I do for Him?

S: Jesus says in John 14:26, "*But the **Helper**, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you*".

D: Wow, I can use that kind of help with my **12 for Jesus training**. What else does Jesus say about the Holy Spirit?

A: John 15:26: "*But when the **Helper** comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the **Spirit of truth** (Holy Spirit), who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me*".

D: Jesus knew we'd need help, didn't He?

S: Yes, in John 14:16-17 Jesus says, "*And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another **Helper** (Holy Spirit), that He may abide with you forever... the **Spirit of truth** (Holy Spirit), whom the world cannot receive,*

because it neither sees Him now knows Him; but you will know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you".

D: This is interesting. What else does Jesus say about the **Holy Spirit**?

S: Jesus promises us in Acts 1:8, "*But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be My **witnesses**...*". The very day that the disciples were filled with the **Holy Spirit**, 3,000 believed in Jesus.

D: Sounds as though the Holy Spirit can help me make **12 disciples for Jesus**, right?

S: Right. The **Holy Spirit** will even speak through you. Jesus says in Mark 13:11, "*... for it is not you who speak, but the **Holy Spirit***" and in Luke 12:11-12, "*... do not worry about... what you should say. For the **Holy Spirit** will teach you in that very hour what you should say*".

D: That's even better than a teleprompter.

S: Tune in again tomorrow for more. In today's scripture reading Jesus tells His **12**, "*I have explained the **secrets** about the Kingdom of Heaven to you... .*"

D: It's wonderful that, by reading the Bible, we can listen as Jesus explains divine secrets that can help us make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*?

The main part of today's **lesson** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 1

DAY 18

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 13:33-58**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Tell me more about the **Holy Spirit**?

Servant: Remember what you said about "**love**" being the bottom line of the teachings of Jesus? Well, Paul says Romans 5:5, "... *God has given us the **Holy Spirit** who fills our hearts with His (God's) **love**.*"

D: The **Holy Spirit** can help me experience God's **love** and help me to **love**?

S: That's what the Bible says.

D: How did you get filled with the **Holy Spirit**?

S: God supernaturally arranged it. Jack Baron, a retired plumbing contractor, laid hands on me and prayed. Over 600 people got baptized in the **Holy Spirit** through him. Jack became my beloved spiritual mentor. He's enjoying his rewards in heaven now.

D: How can I get **baptized** in the **Holy Spirit**?

S: First, **ask** with *faith* for your heavenly Father to *fill* you with His **Holy Spirit**. Jesus says in Luke 11:13, "*But your heavenly Father is... ready to give the **Holy Spirit** to anyone who asks.*"

D: OK, what's next?

S: **Clean** the temple.

D: What?

S: The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 3:16, "*Do you not know that you are the **temple** of God, and that the **Spirit of God** dwells in you?*" You, the temple, need cleaning so your body can be used by God. More on this later.

D: Do I get filled with the **Holy Spirit** after baptism with water?

S: Some people do. In Acts 2:38, Peter, a disciple of Jesus, seems to indicate that you receive the **Holy Spirit** when you are water baptized in the name of Jesus. On the other hand, in Acts 18:14-17, people had been baptized in the name of Jesus but did not get the **Holy Spirit** until the disciples laid hands on them and prayed. Acts 10:44-48 even says that some people received the **Holy Spirit** first and then were baptized in water.

D: Interesting. What else?

S: Tomorrow we'll share more about the wonderful **Holy Spirit**.

D: In verse 51 of our scripture reading for today, "*Jesus asked His disciples if they understood all these things. They said, 'Yes, we do.'*"

S: Then Jesus told them in verse 53, "... *Every student of the Scriptures who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like someone who brings out new and old treasures from the storeroom.*"

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 1

DAY 19

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 14:1-21**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** was _____

LESSON

Disciple: I am just going to ask God, with faith, to baptize me with the **Holy Spirit**. How and when He does it is up to God.

Servant: Fine, it may happen right away or you may have to wait. For example, Jesus told his followers in Acts 1:3, "*Don't leave Jerusalem yet. Wait here for the Father to give you the **Holy Spirit**, just as I told you he has promised to do. John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit**.*"

D: Did they get the **Holy Spirit**?

S: Yes. It took 10 days of praying "*in one accord*", but they got the **Holy Spirit**.

D: What happened?

S: Read it for yourself in **Acts 2**.

D: That's exciting. How do I get it?

S: *Seek* and you shall *find*, *ask* and you shall *receive*.

D: That's from the **Sermon on the Mount**, right?

S: Right.

D: What's next?

S: May I ask you a question?

D: Sure. What?

S: Who can accomplish more through your body, you or God?

D: No contest, God can. Why do you ask?

S: Are you willing to say to the **Holy Spirit**, "*I want God's will to be done through my body, not mine*"?

D: I am. What's the next step?

S: We'll cover more tomorrow.

D: In today's scripture reading, Jesus tries to get some time alone after hearing that Herod had murdered His cousin, John the Baptist.

S: Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee but still the crowds found Him.

D: How did Jesus respond? He felt **sorry** for them, healed their sick and then even fed 5,000 men plus women and children with just 5 loaves of bread and 7 fish.

S: And there were **12** baskets of leftovers.

D: Didn't El Paso's Rick Thomas see a miraculous multiplication of food one Christmas at the dump in Juarez, Mexico?

S: Yes, and my precious wife was one of the young women who participated.

D: What a God we serve!

S: Keep this in mind, in **John 14:12** Jesus says, "*I tell you for certain that if you have **faith** in Me, you will do the **same things** that I am doing.*" Have **faith** in **Jesus** and see multiplications of food, healings and other miracles. That'll help attract your **12**.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

MONTH 1

DAY 20

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 14:22-36**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: I want God's will to be accomplished through my body, not mine. Any suggestions?

Servant: Jesus told His Father the night before He was crucified, "...*But do what You want, and not what I want.*" (Matthew 26:39)

D: That's a good example, isn't it?

S: Yes. Do you know what Jesus calls this act of having God's will be done through us instead of our own?

D: Submitting?

S: That's close. Jesus calls it, "***dying to self***." It's saying "*No*" to our desires and ambitions and "*Yes*" to God's plan for our lives.

D: That's strong. Where in the Bible does Jesus say that?

S: Jesus says it in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Matthew 16:24-25 states that Jesus said to His disciples, "*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to **save** his life will **lose** it, but whoever **loses** his life for My sake will **find** It.*" Jesus says the same thing in Mark 8:35 but adds, "...*whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will **save** it.*" Luke 9:23-24 reports that Jesus gave the same message but adds in 17:33, "*Whoever seeks to **save** his life will **lose** it, and whoever **loses** his life will **preserve** it.*"

D: In other words, get out of God's way and let Him do His thing through my body. Right?

S: Right. Romans 12:1 sheds some light with, "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living **sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God which is your reasonable service.*" In John 12:24-25 Jesus says, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and **dies**, it remains alone; but if it **dies**, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world (and chooses to die to self) will keep it for eternal life.*"

D: Our scripture reading today is more miracles. Jesus walked on water! Not only that, He invited Peter to step out of the boat and join Him.

S: You have stepped out of the boat by participating in **12 for Jesus**. Jesus has reached out His hand to help you get your **12**. Congratulations.

D: At the end of verse 32, when Peter and Jesus got back in the boat and the wind died down, the disciples were overwhelmed, weren't they?

S: Yes, they worshiped Jesus and said, "*You really are the Son of God!*" **Jesus is**. Let's ask someone to join our **family of 12** today.

The main part of today's **lesson** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 21

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 15:1-20**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Isn't this the day you promised to share another idea about how to talk to people about becoming one of my **12**?

Servant: Yes, thanks for reminding me.

D: You're welcome.

S: First tell me what you've learned so far about talking to people about **12 for Jesus**.

D: Always get permission by asking, "*May I ask you a question?*"

S: Correct. Is it working for you?

D: Yes, very well. It opens the door. All my Christian friends have said, "*Sure*".

S: What have you said next?

D: Asked either, "*Have you heard about 12 for Jesus?*" or "*How many disciples have you made for Jesus?*"

S: Have those simple questions worked?

D: Yes.

S: How many people have said they want to be part of your **12 for Jesus** family?

D: So far, the number of people who have said "*Yes*" total _____.

S: Good. Here's another easy way to reach people for your **12**. It's based on our memory verse for this week, the famous **John 3:16**.

D: I've already memorized it.

S: Good. After asking your prospect, "*May I ask you a question?*" sincerely ask, "*Why should Jesus let you into Heaven?*"

D: Good question. What do people usually answer?

S: About 80% of people give an incorrect answer like, "*I'm a good person.*"

S: How do I answer them?

D: Say, "*According to the Bible, there's a better answer. Want to hear it?*"

S: When they say "*Yes*", how do I reply?

D: Simply say, "*In John 3:16 it says: 'God so loved the people of this world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life...'*"

S: What do I say next?

D: Ask, "*You want to spend eternity in Heaven, don't you?*"

S: When people say "*Yes*" do I lead them in a short prayer of salvation?

D: Yes, have them repeat something easy like this: "*God, I have faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you that I will spend eternity in Heaven with You.*" Amen

S: That's easy. Then do I tell them about the **12 for Jesus training** and invite them to join my **12**?

D: Yes, help them put their *faith* into action.

S: I'll practice this **John 3:16** approach a couple times with my friend and then use it with others this week. Thanks!

D: You're welcome. Go get your **12**.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 22

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 15:21-39**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The **memory verse** for this week is **John 3:3**. Please write it on a 3x5 inch card.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Is there anything else you want to tell me before I get **baptized** with the **Holy Spirit**?

Servant: Yes. **Rees Howells** was a mighty man of God born in Wales in about 1870.

D: What does that have to do with the **Holy Spirit**?

S: Lot's. The biography about him, called **Intercessor**, sheds light on *dying to self*. The **Holy Spirit** appeared to Rees Howells and said, "*Just as Jesus needed a physical body to work through on earth, so do I. You have asked Me to infill you but there's not room for both of us. Either your will or God's will shall be done through your body.*"

D: That's interesting. What else?

S: It became obvious that Rees Howells had to **die to himself** so God's Will could be accomplished through his vacated body. After a struggle, Rees Howells chose to die to self and turned his vacated body over to the Holy Spirit.

D: What happened?

S: Remarkably, what the **Holy Spirit** accomplished through that yielded vessel had a direct impact on the outcome of World War II.

D: Really? This is beginning to make sense to me. Anything else?

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PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

S: Yes, 1 Corinthians 3:16 (NKJ) says, "*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the **Spirit of God** dwells in you?*" and 6:19 adds, "*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the **Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's.*"

D: This baptism of the **Holy Spirit** is a big deal, isn't it?

S: Yes, in my opinion the **Holy Spirit** is the least utilized resource on planet earth.

D: In our scripture reading today Jesus again heals long distance because of a mother's faith and persistence (verses 21-28).

S: And Jesus again fed the multitudes by multiplying food in verses 32-38.

D: This time it was 4,000 hungry men plus women and children that were fed with 7 loaves and a few small fish.

S: And there were 7 baskets of leftovers.

D: My **12** will be hungry for spiritual food, won't they.

S: Yes, feed them the **Word of God** that's included in the **12 for Jesus training**.

MONTH 1

DAY 23

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 16**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Will there be outward signs that my body is filled with the **Holy Spirit**?

Servant: Good question. Often there are.

D: Like what?

S: Remember what you read in Acts 2?

D: After Peter, filled with the **Holy Spirit**, preached, about **3,000** people became disciples of Jesus. Right?

S: Right.

D: Peter told them in Acts 2:38-39, "*Turn back to God! Be baptized (in water) in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven. Then you will be given the **Holy Spirit**. This promise is for you and your children. It is for everyone our Lord God will choose, no matter where they live.*" Does that still apply to me?

S: Of course.

D: In Acts 3:1-10, Peter and John healed a man that was crippled since birth. Does **healing** come with the **Holy Spirit**?

S: It can. Jack Baron said after praying for me to receive the Holy Spirit, "*If you allow the Holy Spirit to freely flow through you and if you give God all the credit, you will see miracles like the days of the early Christians.*"

D: Have you?

S: Yes.

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PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

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D: In our scripture reading today, Jesus asks His disciples in verse 15, "*...who do you say that I am?*"

S: Who do you say Jesus is?

D: I agree with what Peter answered in verse 16, "*... You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*"

S: Jesus told Peter He would build His church on him (verse 18) and give him "*... the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven... .*" (verse 19)

D: And I believe Jesus can build **multitudes** of disciples from my **12**, don't you?

S: Yes, I believe Jesus can and will.

D: In verse 21 Jesus begins telling His disciples that He will be killed on a cross but 3 days later He will come back to life.

S: Peter didn't understand so Jesus admonished him with, "*You're in My way because you think like everyone else and not like God.*"

D: In verses 24-26 Jesus teaches the basis for our lessons on Month 1, Days 20 & 22. "*If you give up you life for Me, you will find it.*"

S: Jesus closes the reading by promising He will, "*... reward all people for what they have done.*" Let's make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*. Jesus will **reward** us handsomely both now and for eternity.

MONTH 1

DAY 24

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 17**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Another thing happened to followers of Jesus when they got baptized with the **Holy Spirit**, didn't it?

Servant: What?

D: Acts 2:4 says, "*The **Holy Spirit** took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever language the Spirit let them speak.*"

That got everyone's attention, didn't it?

S: It sure did. Today it's often called "*speaking in other tongues*", "*speaking in tongues*", "*tongues*" or "*heavenly prayer language*".

D: Do people still get the gift of tongues?

S: Yes, some people do.

D: Do you have a "*heavenly prayer language*"?

S: Yes, I received it upon baptism with the Holy Spirit.

D: Does that happen to everyone?

S: No, but most people that I know who let the Holy Spirit "*take control*" (Acts 2:4) and who sincerely seek this gift, receive it.

D: Don't some churches say this gift is no longer available?

S: Yes but Paul, one of the most powerful followers of Jesus, says about speaking in tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:39: "*... don't stop anyone from speaking languages that others don't know*".

D: How will speaking in tongues benefit me?

S: I can only speak from my experience. Speaking in tongues helps when I am trying to get insights from God about something, if I feel a need to pray but don't know what to say and when I want to praise God but don't have the words to express my love for Him.

D: I am ready for the baptism with the precious Holy Spirit with the gift of speaking in tongues. What's next?

S: At your water baptism, you can ask God to also baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

D: Let's schedule my water baptism.

S: Fine. Are you excited?

D: Yes. Verses 1-8 of our scripture reading today are certainly supernatural aren't they?

S: Yes, Jesus' "*... face was shining like the sun and His clothes became white as light.*" (verse 2)

D: Then, "*All at once Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus.*" (verse 3)

S: And in verse 5 God Himself spoke about Jesus, "*... This is My own dear Son, and I am pleased with Him. Listen to what He says!*"

D: In verses 19-21, Jesus encourages His disciples to have more **faith** that God can do miracles through them.

S: Let's have **faith** that God can make **12 disciples for Jesus** through us.

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

_____.

MONTH 1

DAY 25

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 18:1-20**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: What comes after baptism with water and the Holy Spirit?

Servant: Baptism with **fire**.

D: Excuse me?

S: Remember in Matthew 3:11, it says "*He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and **fire**.*"

D: Sounds painful. What does it mean?

S: I am not sure.

D: What? You're supposed to know all.

S: In Acts 2:3, when they were getting filled with the Holy Spirit, it says, "*Then they saw what looked like **fiery** tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there.*"

D: Was that the baptism of fire?

S: Perhaps. Or is it a **refining fire** to purify us spiritually? Let's look at the verse following Matthew 3:11 that says, "*His threshing fork is in His hand, and He is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store the wheat in a barn and burn the husks (wastes) in a **fire** that never goes out.*"

D: So the baptism with fire may be a refining fire?

S: Maybe. In a prophecy about Jesus in Malachi 3:1-3 in the Old Testament, it says "*... For He (Jesus) is like a refiner's **fire**... And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and **refine** them like gold and silver, so that they*

may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness."

D: Our scripture reading today is another sparkling gem from Jesus, isn't it?

S: It is. Jesus teaches us in verses 2-14 to be humble like a child and reminds us that the consequence of causing the little ones to sin will be horrible.

D: Jesus says His Father, "*... doesn't want any of these little ones to be lost.*" (verse 14)

S: Jesus adds another facet to this gem in verses 15-17 by pointing out what to do if a believer sins against you.

D: In verse 19 Jesus says, "*I promise you that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in Heaven will do it for you.*"

S: Let's agree about making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*.

D: I agree. Jesus concludes our reading with, "*Whenever two or three of you come together in My name, I am there **with** you.*"

S: When we gather pray, let's invite Jesus to join us. He is our special guest.

D: And when we talk to prospects for our **12 for Jesus** circles, let's take Jesus with us.

S: Let's. When we do, it's encouraging to watch as people respond to the tender love of Jesus.

The main part of today's **lesson** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 26

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 18:21-35**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Any there other scriptures that might apply to the baptism with **fire**?

Servant: Yes, in Luke 12:49 Jesus tells us, *"I came to set **fire** to the earth and I surely wish it were already on **fire**."*

D: Anything else?

S: Jesus refers to purity in Revelation 3:18-19, *"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the **fire**... As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten."*

D: Jesus wants to purify us, doesn't He?

S: Yes. Isaiah 66:15-16 is strong: *"For behold, the Lord will come with **fire**... and His rebuke with flames of **fire**. For by **fire**... the Lord will judge all flesh... "* The commentary in the Spirit Filled Life Bible (NKJV) says, *"**Fire** either purifies or destroys. It can purify those who believe in Jesus and destroy those who don't."*

D: In order to be a good example for my **12**, I want to be purified. How do I get baptized with **fire**?

S: Ask Jesus to baptize you with **fire**. Ask Him to burn up the things in you that are not pleasing to Him. Tell Jesus you want to be refined with His **fire**.

D: Will do. Our scripture reading today is a wonderful teaching about **forgiving**.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

S: In verse 21, Peter asks Jesus, *"How many times should I **forgive** someone who does something wrong to me? Is 7 times enough?"*

D: The answer Jesus gave Peter demonstrates the importance of **forgiveness**, doesn't it?

S: It does. In verse 22, *"Jesus answered: 'Not just 7 times but 77 times!'"*

D: Sometimes it's hard to **forgive**, isn't it?

S: Yes, but the parable in verses 23-35 makes the case for **forgiving**, doesn't it?

D: Yes, the unforgiving official was, *"... tortured until he could pay back everything he owed."*

S: How long do you think he was tortured?

D: Since this is a story about the Kingdom of Heaven, it probably was for eternity.

S: Like in Hell?

D: Maybe.

S: And the sad part is the king had already **forgiven** the official. All he had to do was to **forgive** others.

D: In the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:12), it asks God to *"**Forgive** us our sins, as we **forgive** others."*

S: Have you forgiven everyone, including your parents, yourself and even God? If not, avoid further torture; forgive them now.

MONTH 1

DAY 27

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 19:1-15**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Our **12 for Jesus** lessons recently have been covering the *basics* of being a mature, fruitful disciple of Jesus, haven't they?

Servant: Yes. What are they?

D: Being born again and baptized with water, Holy Spirit and fire. Right?

S: Right. What else have you learned in Month 1 of your training?

D: About **12 for Jesus** and how it is helping complete the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) by people making **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*. True?

S: Yes. What else?

D: **Love** is the key to doing what Jesus **told** us to **do**. Correct?

S: You're learning well. What are the **3 love commandments**?

D: Love **God** (Matthew 22:37), love **others** like I love myself (Matthew 22:38) and love **each other** as Jesus loved us (John 13:34). How am I doing?

S: Very well. Do you remember what the three **top 12 lists** were?

D: Is this an "*open book*" exam?

S: Sure.

D: Top **12 basic Christian beliefs** (Manny), top **12 scriptures** and the top **12 qualities** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

S: Good. Have you learned anything else from the lessons?

D: Yes, how to approach **prospects** for my **12 for Jesus** family. First ask, "*May I ask you a question?*" Right?

S: Yes, that question can open the door. Then say, "*Have you heard about 12 for Jesus?*" or "*Why should Jesus let you into Heaven?*"

D: Or, "*Jesus tells us in the Great Commission to make disciples for Him. 'How many disciples have you made for Jesus?'*"

S: That works. Then tell them about **12 for Jesus**.

D: In our scripture reading today, Jesus teaches today about marriage and children.

S: Yes, Jesus in verse 6, "*... And no one should separate a couple that God has joined together.*"

D: That shows the importance of seeking God's will before marrying, doesn't it?

S: Yes, it may seem right but if God does not want you joined together, it won't work.

D: Jesus loved children, didn't He?

S: Yes, He delighted in them.

D: He said in verse 14, "*Let the children come to me, and don't try to stop them. People who are like these children belong to God's kingdom.*"

S: God, please give us childlike faith in You, our Father. Give us the faith to make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *each do likewise*.

The main part of today's *lesson* that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.

MONTH 1

DAY 28

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 19:16-30**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: What new idea do you have for talking to people about joining our **12 for Jesus** groups?

Servant: First, please review the lessons from Days 7, 14 and 21.

D: Those are 3 terrific ideas. They're working well for me.

S: Wonderful. The new idea today is the **Pocket Testament**.

D: What's that?

S: It's a **free**, attractive, booklet that fits in one of your spare pockets. You are asked to give away just **one per day** to people at Albertson's, Pep Boys, Sam's, 7-11 and Wal-Mart.

D: What's in it?

S: It contains God's simple plan of salvation, the Gospel of John, the prayer for salvation and an offer for free Bible studies. It also has a reply card so the person can order free Pocket Testaments to give to others.

D: What do I say to people when giving them the **Pocket Testament**?

S: First ask, "*May I ask you a question?*"

D: What do I say after they say, "*Sure*".

S: Say, "*Why should Jesus let you into Heaven?*"

D: If they give the "wrong" answer, do I say, "*Here's a gift to that shows you how to get into Heaven*"?

S: Yes.

D: If there is time, should I go over God's plan of salvation at the beginning of the booklet?

S: Yes, and then tell the person about **12 for Jesus**.

D: How do I get some of these **free Pocket Testaments**?

S: You can order over the Internet at www.pocketpower.org or by calling (717) 626-1919. Ask for a **free** 30-day supply.

D: Our wonderful scripture reading today is Jesus answering to the question of a rich young man, "*Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?*"

S: The answer Jesus gives can be life changing for all of us who both read it and do it.

D: Peter replied to Jesus in verse 27, "*... Remember, we have left everything to be your followers! What will we get?*"

S: Jesus promised His 12 in verse 28, "*... you will sit on 12 thrones to judge the 12 tribes of Israel.*"

D: Let's tell people the good news about Jesus and about this life-changing **12 for Jesus** training.

S: Let's. It can lead to a 100 times return and eternal life (verse 29).

The main part of today's **lesson** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 29

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture reading for today is **Matthew 20:1-16**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The **memory verse** for this week is **Matthew 24:30-31**. Please write it on a 3x5 inch card.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse ____.

LESSON

Disciple: Don't you think it is time to explain to our readers the use of this **D & S** format?

Servant: Sure. What about it?

D: Who is the **Disciple (D)** and who is the **Servant (S)**?

S: The **Disciple** is me trying to anticipate questions and comments a *new* Christian might have; the **Servant** is me after 28 years as a born again, Spirit-filled Christian who has read the Bible numerous times and experienced miracles like the early Christians.

D: Got it. What are some more **basic teachings** of Jesus that can help me make **12 disciples** for Him?

S: You are focused, aren't you? Before we get back into basics, may I share with you some of the **names of Jesus** from the Bible?

D: Please do. What are they?

S: *Almighty* (1 John 2:1), *Alpha & Omega* (Revelation 1:8), *Ancient of Days* (Daniel 7:9), *Anointed One* (Psalm 2:2), *Arm of the Lord* (Isaiah 51:9, 10), *Beloved Son* (Matthew 3:17), *Blessed Hope* (Titus 2:13) and *Bread of Life* (John 6:35).

D: Wow! Any more?

S: *Bright and Morning Star* (Revelation 22:6), *Chosen of God* (Luke 23:45), *Deliverer* (Romans 11:26), *Faithful & True* (Revelation 19:11), *Gift of God* (John 4:10), *Glorious Lord*

(Isaiah 33:21), *Holy One of God* (Mark 1:24) and *Immanuel* (Isaiah 7:14).

D: What else?

S: *King of Glory* (Psalm 24:7-10), *King of Kings* (Revelation 17:14), *Lamb of God* (John 1:29), *Light of the World* (John 8:12), *Lord of All* (Acts 10:36), *Messiah* (John 1:41), *Only Begotten Son of God* (John 3:16) and *Prince of Peace* (Isaiah 9:6).

D: What a mighty God we serve. Any other names?

S: *Redeemer* (Isaiah 59:20), *Resurrection* (John 11:25), *Savior* (Isaiah 19:20 & Luke 2:11), *Servant* (Isaiah 42:1), *Son of God* (Matthew 4:3), *Truth* (John 14:6), *Way* (John 14:6), *Wonderful* (Isaiah 9:6), *Word of God* (Revelation 19:13), *Worthy* (1 John 1:1) and many more.

D: Jesus is the name above all names.

S: Let's tell people about our wonderful **Jesus** and His **12 for Jesus** training.

D: Our scripture reading today is a parable that may be difficult for our *free enterprise* minds to grasp, isn't it?

S: It is. Perhaps Jesus could be saying that salvation opens the door to eternal life in Heaven, whether we accept Jesus *early* in our life or *late*? In other words, as long as people are still alive, if they **repent**, it's not too late to invite Jesus to be their Savior and Lord.

The main part of today's **lesson** that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is circled above.

PRAYER

My **prayer** for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____.

MONTH 1

DAY 30

SCRIPTURE

Our scripture readings for today are **Matthew 20:17-34** and **Matthew 21:1-22**. Please underline verses that will help you make **12 disciples for Jesus**.

The main scripture from today's reading that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** is verse _____.

LESSON

Disciple: Why do we have double scripture readings today?

Servant: Because **12 for Jesus** uses **12** months of **30 days** each but the New Testament reading schedule was originally created for the calendar year.

D: In other words, our Month 1 has 30 days but January has 31 days, right?

S: Right. Can you guess why **12 for Jesus** uses 12 months of 30 days each?

D: So people can begin with Month 1 at the beginning of any month?

S: Exactly. New people can start training at the first day of any month using the lessons from Month 1.

D: So I might have people in my **12** who are doing various months of the training?

S: Yes, it works fine.

D: What do you have to share with us today?

S: In our scripture reading today, Jesus tells us to **serve** others.

D: May I be frank?

S: What?

D: I'd rather be served than to serve others. Is that unusual?

S: That's how most of us feel until we understand the **benefits** of serving God by serving others.

D: You have my attention.

S: Jesus says that He came, "...to **serve**..." (verse 28). Jesus Christ, the King of kings (1 Timothy 6:15), humbled himself to **serve** us. That's amazing, isn't it?

D: Yes, what else?

S: Jesus then instructs us to **serve** in order to "*become great*" and to "*be first*" (verses 26-27). Later in Matthew 23:11 Jesus says, "*But he who is greatest among you shall be your **servant***". In Matthew 24:44-51, Jesus says He is coming back unexpectedly but, in a parable, He tells you to be a "*faithful and wise **servant***" and you will be "*blessed*". Mark 9:35 reports, "*And He (Jesus) sat down, called the **12**, and said to them, 'If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and **servant** of all'.*"

D: Interesting. Is that why you answer the phone, "*El Paso for Jesus. How may we **serve** you?*"

S: Yes. The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:19, "*...I have made myself a **servant** to all, that I might win the more (for Jesus).*" In 2 Timothy 2:24-26 it says, "*And the **servant** of the Lord...*" must witness to the lost, "*...so they may know the truth...*"

D: Does that mean as I am a **servant** to God and others, I am to **witness** to the lost?

S: Yes, and some of them will probably join your **12**. Jesus will then say to you, "*...Well done, good and faithful **servant**. ... Enter into the joy of you Lord*" (Matthew 25:21).

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PRAYER

My *prayer* for today that will help me make **12 disciples for Jesus** who *do likewise* is _____

_____.