

Basic Training!

FAST Basic Training #8 - The Mystery of Multiplication

Memo:

Welcome back to what is perhaps the most powerful study in this entire program. You are about to discover the great master plan of Jesus Christ for every disciple. You will find in this lesson a strategy so radical it may revolutionize everything you have ever thought about the Great Commission. You will see in it the genius of Jesus Himself, for it is *His* plan to reach our sin-sick world.



The plan of course is spiritual multiplication. Do you realize that if a committed worker could merely reproduce himself once every year, he would become a thousand in ten years? The number would grow to a million in twenty years, and pass a billion within thirty. And it would exceed the current population of the earth in just a few years more. That is the power of spiritual multiplication! But the key, of course, is training. *Every* disciple must be equipped to reproduce. There can be no breaks in the chain. And you, by the way, are now a part of that chain.

**The Editor,
Hid in Christ**

Bible Secrets to Living for Christ

Objectives Week 8

Name: _____ Initialed by: _____

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- ☐ Complete the Bible Search entitled **The Mystery of Multiplication**. Give this lesson your deepest attention. Make sure you fully grasp Christ's strategy to reach our world—and then commit yourself fully to the task.
- ☐ This week's verses are **Isaiah 60:22** and **II Timothy 2:2**. The program is nearly over—so try diligently to catch up on any verses you have missed. Review! Review! Review!
- ☐ Read the **Practical Suggestions** for beginning your ministry as a disciple-maker. Here you will find step by step instructions for passing on the things you have been learning to others. Ask God to help you begin identifying individuals around you with a hunger to grow spiritually. Perhaps God will use you to start a *FAST* team of your own.
- ☐ Review the information provided last week to expand the **Disciple's Wheel** illustration. You should realize by now that this illustration is central to all of *Basic Training*. As you review the other illustrations this week, meditate on how each one fits together into the bigger picture.

*Anyone can see apples in a tree
But it takes real vision
To see the trees in an apple*

The Mystery of Multiplication

Bible Search 8

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly. Acts 6:7

1. How far is the Gospel to go? Mark 16:15

2. What did Jesus say was the key to accomplishing this?
Matthew 9:37-38

3. What was Jesus' purpose in calling the twelve disciples?
Mark 3:14

4. What are some of the lessons He taught them?
Matthew 6:6

John 8:31-32

John 15:14

Luke 9:2

5. What was the result of their training?
Acts 4:33

Acts 6:7

6. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do with their training?
Matthew 28:19-20

7. Who did Paul travel with on his missionary journeys?
Acts 20:4

8. What are some of the lessons Paul taught others?
I Timothy 2:1

II Timothy 2:15

I Thessalonians 4:1

Philippians 2:15-16

Becoming a Disciple-Maker

Practical Suggestions

9. What was the result of Paul's training in the early churches?
Acts 19:8-10

I Thessalonians 1:5-8

10. What did Paul expect those he discipled to do with their training? II Timothy 2:2
11. What similarities do you see between Paul's method of ministry and Christ's? How would you summarize the New Testament plan for evangelizing the world?
12. How willing are you to commit right now to the special ministry of spiritual multiplication through investing in the lives of others? Why not write out your answer as a brief prayer to God?

Jesus' instruction in the Great Commission is to not only preach the Gospel, but to make disciples: teaching them to observe everything we have been taught. And it remains God's plan today. We are to commit to faithful men the things committed to us—for while the harvest is plenteous, the *laborers* are few. If we are ever to reach this dying world, we must focus on raising up *workers*!

Listed below you will find a number of suggestions for beginning your ministry as a disciple-maker. Study them carefully, and then begin looking for a friend or two interested in growing spiritually. If you have been diligent in carrying out each of the objectives in this program so far, you are well qualified to begin investing in the lives of others. All it takes is having something worth passing on!

Selection

Begin praying that God would help you to discern those individuals most open to discipleship training. Engage in this wisely. Jesus felt He could only train only twelve men, without a family or a full-time job, and he spent a full night in prayer before selecting those twelve. See Luke 6:12-13. Training takes time, so invest in it wisely. Look especially for individuals that are:

Faithful — Completes tasks and strives for consistency.

Available — Willing to make time for God in their schedule.

Spiritual — Keeps Scripture at the center of their thinking.

Teachable — Open to new ideas and to trying new things.

Be cautious about committing time to individuals that are:

Sinful — Unwilling to give up ungodly habits and practices.

Lazy — Unable to exert the effort needed to get a job done.

Obstinate — Set in their ways, or unwilling to change.

Worldly — Caught up in temporal values and worldly goals.

Impartation

One of the best ways to begin discipling a person, is to begin working through the *FAST Survival Kit* with them. Better yet, gather two or three friends together, and start a small group. The *Survival Kit* is a simple five-week introduction to Scripture memory which will allow you to observe a person's progress as they work through the course. Those who do well, and accomplish their assigned objectives should be considered for further training using *Basic Training*, *Team Tactics*, and/or other *FAST* courses. Soon they may be leading teams of their own, and reaching out to others. In time, you could become a thousand! See Isaiah 60:22.

Below is a simple, but useful, four-step training "recipe" you should keep in mind when training others. Memorize the formula and then follow it closely:

Tell them why — from the Scriptures

Show them how — in your own life

Get them started — with bite-size projects

Keep them going — by building commitment

Note: For more information about becoming a disciple-maker, we recommend obtaining a copy of our Leaders Manual and the small booklet entitled the Explosion Formula. These cover powerful keys to unlocking your potential for multiplication!

The Importance of Commitment

Before you commit to training another person, make sure they are committed, as well. Let them know you will be helping them set goals, challenging them to reach those goals, and then checking up on their progress. Most people need this kind of support if they are to build the various principles of discipleship into their life and develop any kind of consistency. If your friend is not willing to commit himself to this kind of training—he will probably not get very far. Before committing yourself to training someone, make sure they are hungry enough to do what it takes. Remember, *commitment* is key!

Multiplication Chart

Study the chart below to see the impact of one individual who simply wins and trains one person each year to do the same. At the end of the first year, there would be two workers, committed to disciple-making. At the end of the second year, the number of workers would increase to four. And so on:

Year	Workers
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1,024
11	2,048
12	4,096
13	8,192
14	16,384
15	32,768
16	65,536
17	131,072

Year	Workers
18	262,144
19	524,288
20	1,048,576
21	2,097,152
22	4,194,304
23	8,388,608
24	16,777,216
25	33,554,432
26	67,108,864
27	134,217,728
28	268,435,456
29	536,870,912
30	1,073,741,824
31	2,147,483,648
32	4,294,967,296
33	8,589,934,592

By year 33, the number of *workers* would exceed the population of the earth—and all by just winning and training a single person per year. It's the genius of the Great Commission!