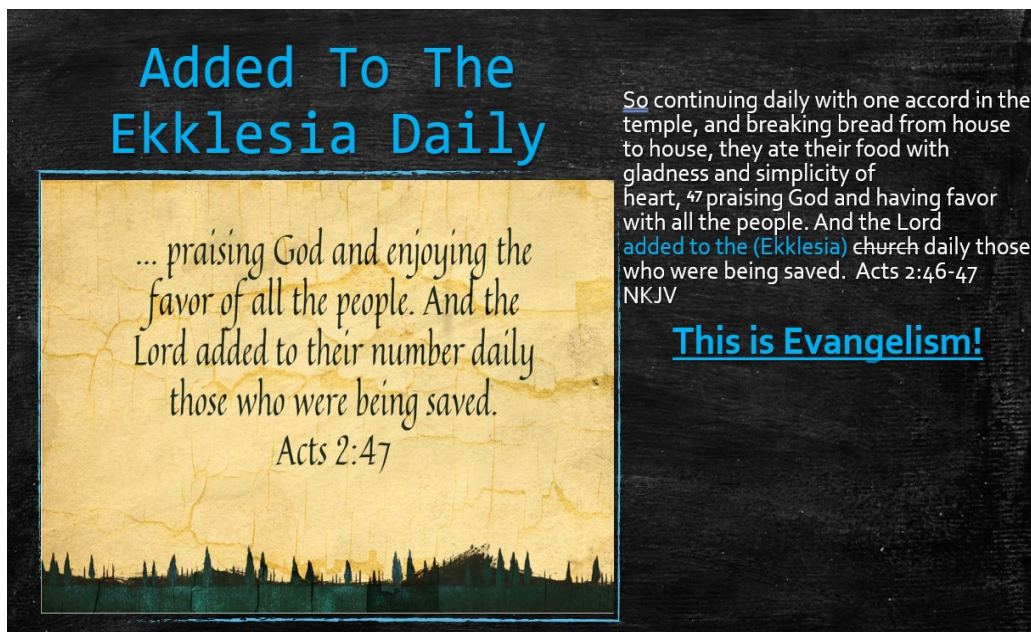


# Chapter 12



## Multiplying the Ekklesia

We're going to learn how to multiply. I don't know about you but when I was in school, I had to learn how to add before I could multiply. We had to learn 2 plus 2 is 4 before we learned the multiplication tables and it was that way in the early Ekklesia as well.



So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the Ekklesia daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47 NKJV

**This is Evangelism!**

We read in Acts 2:46-47: "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising

God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord, the Lord added to the Ekklesia daily those who are being saved. "

You will see that they had two different ministries going on. One was in the temple and the other one was house to house. The temple was where they were getting equipped and trained by the apostles. The house to house is where the Ekklesia met. The Bible says that the Lord added to the Ekklesia daily. It wasn't just a Sunday meeting. They met throughout the week. They met any day of the week any time of day.

When they met people were being added to their number. That was what the Holy Spirit was doing because they were going to the people. They were going out and laying hands on people. You see, the people met with the apostles and the apostles instructed them. In effect, the Apostles were saying, "Jesus taught us what to do. Jesus told us to follow Him and we did. And now we are going to teach you." The people went to the temple, the apostles trained and equipped them and then the people went everywhere doing just what you are been trained to do. They were laying their hands on people. Sick people were being healed. Demons were being cast out of people. The Kingdom of God was expanding. People were being born again by the Spirit of God and added to the kingdom every day. All of these things were happening every day. It wasn't a Sunday morning 10 a.m. meeting at church where all of these things happened. These things happened on the street, everywhere. They would be brought into the houses and they would begin meeting house to house. That's how it happened and the Lord added to the Ekklesia the people that were being saved. When they were born again, they were welcomed in and embraced. They were made part of the fellowship that met in the homes.

This is what we call evangelism. This is what the church calls evangelism. It's people being born again, and for the most part the church does okay with this. But there's still a lot of lost people out there. The church does pretty well with soul winning and maybe having an evangelist in for an evangelistic service but it doesn't go much beyond that, because once people are born again, they're taught how to become a member of the church and they're brought in to the church and they're trained in passivity and complacency and apathy, to sit still and watch the program. They're not going out to expand the kingdom.

They are taught to become church members instead of citizens of the kingdom. This is what the Lord is changing in our day. The church is doing pretty good with evangelism but it kind of stops there. It gets stuck there and they don't go on to multiplying disciples.

First the early church added and then the number of disciples multiplied. Now we start to get into multiplication in Acts chapter 6. In Acts 6:1 it says:

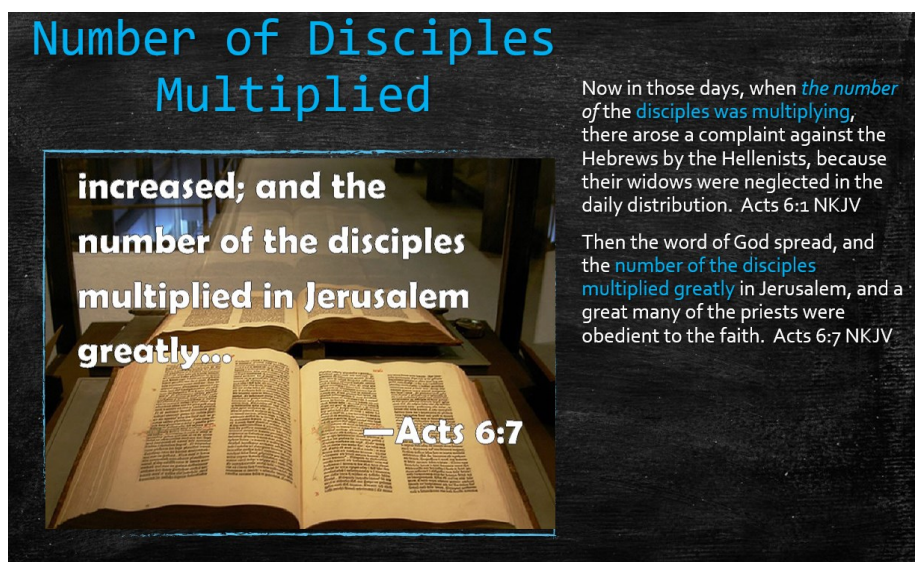
"Now in those days, when the number of disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint among the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were being neglected." The expansion got so rapid that they had some holes in the ministry. There were some things that weren't getting done and this is where they appointed deacons

to feed and distribute the food to the widows. But the point I want you to see in the above picture in the blue letters in the verse: the number of disciples was multiplying.

What the disciples learned from Jesus they began to reproduce in the lives of others. They said in effect, I followed Jesus; you follow me. In fact, Paul said that. He said, "follow me as I follow Christ." As that took place the number of disciples began to multiply. The disciples were reproducing their life that they had in Christ into the lives of others who became disciples as well.

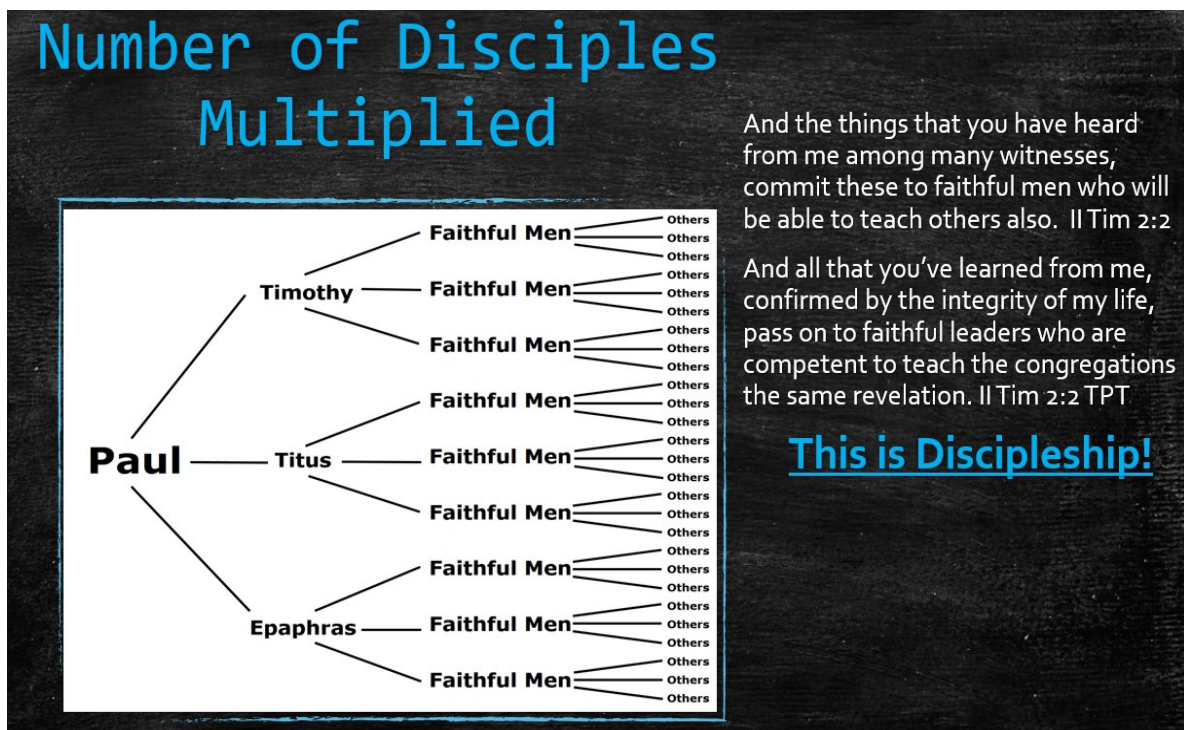
It says in verse 7 of Acts chapter 6, "Then the word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly." So we went from adding daily to multiplying. Now we're multiplying greatly. We took it up another notch. This rapid multiplication begins to take place.

The gospel is spreading everywhere. People are getting saved. People are being disciplined and they are reproducing the life that Jesus taught those disciples into the lives of other disciples. That's the way it was supposed to take place. That's the way Jesus intended it with the early Ekklesia.





After that they continued to multiply and Paul is the one who really perfected the concept of multiplication. This is called the multiplication principle and its found 2 Timothy 2:2. Paul told Timothy, "The things you've heard from me among many witnesses commit these to faithful men."



That's generic.

It means faithful men and women who will be able to teach others also.

This is what Paul was taught and he taught Timothy, Titus, and Epaphras. He found some others and he told them to find some faithful ones who they could train. So, it went from Paul to three and then it went to nine. The faithful trained others and it went to 27, then it went into the 30s! Starting just with Paul. Actually, this is what we've been doing in Omega Kingdom Ministry. What you see on the chart has actually happened. In fact, it's out a couple more generations now. I taught and trained some people through boot camp and there are many of them, are now on the Roundtable Leadership Team. They in turn became coaches and they trained others.

And now that role where it says faithful men. We have over 50 coaches who are trained. These 50 trained others and we have hundreds of graduates of boot camp. Many of these are out there teaching others. So this whole thing actually works and it's working in Omega Kingdom Ministry. We're seeing it happen on a day-to-day basis.

The Passion Translation says it even more clearly. It says, "All that you've learned from me, confirmed by the integrity of my life, pass on to faithful leaders who are competent to teach the congregations the same revelation. That's what's going on. We found some people who have trained the trainers, and they're training others, that's actually happening. We call it the multiplication principle. We find it in 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 2, we call this discipleship.

# Number of Ekklesias Multiplied



Then the **Ekklesias** churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, **they were multiplied**. Acts 6:31 NKJV

## This is Discipling A Nation!

**One community at a time!**

The number of Ekklesia's multiplied all over Asia, everywhere they multiplied. It says in Acts 6, then the Ekklesia's throughout Judea, Galilee, Samaria had peace and were edified walking

in the Fear of The Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. They were multiplied. Now we're not talking about multiplying a disciple. We went up another notch there. Now we're talking about multiplying the Ekklesia's. First, we started with people being added to the church, the Ekklesia, that were being saved. Then the disciples multiplied, then they multiplied greatly. Now we're talking about the Ekklesia's being multiplied. This is yet another level and we call this disciplining a nation.

This is what the great commission was about. Jesus said go into all the world and make disciples of the nations. This is how nations are disciplined. Instead of just discipling and individual, the multiplication of the Ekklesia's must happen, one community at a time. We believe that all of the United States can be disciplined. That we can transform America back to a Godly nation, one community at a time, one county at a time.

We're praying for and working toward having an Ekklesia in every county. Three thousand one hundred forty-one counties in the United States. We're praying and working towards having an Ekklesia in every county and that they're functioning and discipling others so that all of America is transformed and disciplined.

Now it's got to go beyond America because the commission is to the nations (plural), all the nations. In the book of Matthew, Jesus said he's not coming back until this is done. When the gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached to all nations. Jesus returns when we get done discipling the nations, then. That's a big job, it's out there but it can be done because the Ekklesia is rising up taking its place making disciples and then multiplying. That's how it's done. We're going to compare and show you a couple illustrations, how it gets done.



This is fun. We're going to compare elephants to rabbits. I love animals. I spend a lot of time with animals. I've had animals all my life, different ones, horses and sheep and pigs and cows and dogs and cats. We have wonderful dog right now named Ranger. He lives

here in the house with us. He's a great Pyrenees dog. I love animals. God made them for us. God made all the animals for us to enjoy.

Well, we're going to look at elephants. We are going to use elephants to repre-

sent the church system. We are going to compare the multiplication of Elephants to the multiplication of rabbits. Elephants represent the church, rabbit's represent the Ekklesia and we're going to compare the two and see how well they do at multiplication.

Elephants become sexually mature at the age of 18 years. The first 18 years of their life they're not able to reproduce. We're going to take two mature elephants and put them together. They would have one baby in the womb and it takes twenty-two months of pregnancy before that baby enters the world. Twenty-two months of gestation. They only become fertile four times a year. They grow in three years from two elephants to three elephants. It would take that long. Three years to grow from just two elephants to three elephants.

But what about the rabbits? They're sexually mature at the age of four months and a average seven babies per pregnancy. And their gestation period, their pregnancy period is only one month and they produce seven babies. They could do that every month practically continuously because they're continuously fertile. As soon as the babies are born, they're fertile ready to go again and they can have more babies. So, the in just three-year period of time, the same three years that the elephants took to grow three elephants, in those same three years two rabbits could grow and multiply to 476 million rabbits. WOW! That's a lot of rabbits! That's the illustration of multiplication. Now if we learn to multiply, we can reach the whole world with the gospel of the Kingdom of God, preparing the world for the return of the king.

## Elephants Vs. Rabbits

### Elephants

- Sexual maturity at 18 years old
- 1 baby per pregnancy
- 22 Months gestation period
- Only fertile 4 times a year
- Grow in 3 years from 2 to 3 elephants

### Rabbits

- Sexual maturity in 4 months
- Average of 7 babies per pregnancy
- 1 Month gestation period
- Practically continuously fertile
- Grow in 3 years from 2 rabbits to 476 million rabbits!!!

How do you do that? You can do it in your region? Let's say that you start an Ekklesia by the time you finish this book. You start an Ekklesia in your community. You have a home congregation. Let's say that for the first year you just meet with about ten to twelve people. That's a good goal. In fact, a lot of people coming through boot camp have ten to twelve people before they finish

the twelve weeks. I need to tell you that. Set that as a goal out there for you. Let's say you meet with them for a full year and then you begin to multiply. The first year you'd have ten to twelve people meeting in one group. But if you multiplied them the next year, you'd have twenty to twenty-four people meeting in two groups. So, you take one group and you divide it and you make two groups. And then they both grow to ten to twelve people. So that the end of the second year instead of ten to twelve there'd be twenty to twenty-four meeting in two groups.

Let's say you just continue to repeat that and you just keep repeating it for up to ten years. Look what is happening. Oh, my goodness. Look what happens! At the end of ten years, if you continue to multiply, you would have five hundred and twelve groups with somewhere between five and six thousand people. That would be a nice size city that you could reach. At least a neighborhood in the bigger cities. You could reach the whole neighborhood in your region. That's the plan to teach you how to multiply.

So, what we want to do is give you seven practical steps to multiplication. These are practical, they work. I did it. Others have done it. Many people have done it and we want to share them with you. The first one is this: It starts in your dining room or your living room. Isn't it amazing that God has made the living room and the dining or the dining room table the main tracks for the Kingdom of God to run on?

## Reaching Your Region

- Year 1    ▪ 10-12 people in 1 Group
- Year 2    ▪ 20-24 people in 2 Groups
- Year 3    ▪ 40-48 people in 4 Groups
- Year 4    ▪ 80-96 people in 8 Groups
- Year 5    ▪ 160-192 people in 16 Groups
- Year 6    ▪ 320-384 people in 32 Groups
- Year 7    ▪ 640-768 people in 64 Groups
- Year 8    ▪ 1,280-1,536 people in 128 Groups
- Year 9    ▪ 2,560-3,072 people in 256 Groups
- Year 10   ▪ 5,120-6,144 people in 512 Groups

## Practical Steps to Multiplication



It starts in your dining room or living room:

1. Continue meeting with those you have already invited to your home gathering

... and continue **GOING** to the people.



Your home is a kingdom ministry. You need to see it as that. To expand the kingdom through your living room and through your dining room table. Just continue to meet with the people that you've already invited to your home for a meal. Some of your homework assignment, the application and activation was to have somebody over for a cookout or a pizza. Just keep doing that and praying with them. You've already done it. Just keep doing it. Continue doing what you're doing and continue going to the people.

Remember, the Ekklesia is not a come to the meeting thing. It's a go, to where the people are thing. You go to where they are and pray for people. Lay your hands on people at Walmart or at the gas station. Ask people if you can pray for them, as you see them out on the city streets. You go to where the people are. Talk to people in your neighborhood. Go to them and continue to meet together with meals and develop those relationships with them. That's the second part. Just invest your time. The second step is invest your life with them, praying with them, spending time with them, sharing the word of God with them. Just living and doing life together, just keep doing that over a period of time.

## Practical Steps to Multiplication



2. Invest your time building the relationships, praying, and sharing the Word with them for at least one full year.

Remember Jesus took 3 years with just 12 in His [Original Plan](#).

Jesus took three years to meet with the original eleven that he had. He started with twelve and he worked it down to eleven. So, don't think it's bad for you to spend a year with a house full of people. It's good to do that, in fact that's the original plan. And what Jesus is doing in our day is restoring that original plan. Restoring the original plan that he implemented in the gospels, and the disciples implemented in the book of Acts. Jesus started this plan and it's foolish and arrogant of us to think that we could improve upon the plan that Jesus inaugurated. We're restoring it and returning to it.

He took three years to meet with twelve people, you can do the same. Just take time, invest your time in building the relationships, praying, sharing the word. You'll see some of them healed. You'll see some of them delivered from demons. They'll get excited and on fire for the Lord and with the power of the Holy Spirit. Then encourage everyone to be trained. You can take them through that training yourself if you want or you can show them how to register for boot camp by sending them to [okmtraining.org](http://okmtraining.org).



There will be leaders that rise up within your home gathering. You're going to have to be looking for them, praying for them. Asking the Lord to send forth more laborers to the harvest. You be watching and looking for someone in your group that has leadership potential and you either train them

yourself or you ask them if they'd like to go to boot camp and get the same training that you received. And then you show them how to register for boot camp at [okmtraining.org](http://okmtraining.org). That is the third step.

## Practical Steps to Multiplication



3. Encourage all the participants in your Home Gathering to go through this Free Online Study Course.

Tell them how to register for [Bootcamp](http://okmtraining.org).

## Practical Steps to Multiplication



4. After about 1 year, or when you reach 12-15 people, divide your current group in half with 5 or 6 in each group.

It could be divided:

Geographically,

by Age ,

or by Natural Affinity.

CAUTION: You must [divide](#) if you intend to [multiply](#)! Don't fall into the church trap of just continuing to [add](#)!

The fourth step is to be taken after you meet with them for a while. As you are watching for someone with leadership potential and after about a year or so, when you get twelve to fifteen people you will be ready for step four.

Begin to look for leadership potential and be looking for someone who could take over some of the group. You are going to intentionally divide the group in half so that growth can continue. The group can be divided in several ways and these are just some of the ways.

The group can be divided geographically. Some live north of town. Some live south of town. It's easier to meet in your neighborhood. So, divide it geographically. It might be divided by age. There might be some people there my age that have grandchildren. There might be some there who are young people with small children. They may want to start a group with just the small children. The older people might want to start a group of their own. It could be divided by age or by natural affinity. By that I mean some them might have an interest in Bible prophecy or might be more politically inclined and want help some political candidate to get elected in your community. All of that is fine. They might have different interests and you can divide it by affinity.

The important thing is you to divide. If you do not divide, you're not going to keep growing, so, you must do this. I had a brother in New Jersey who was a natural-born evangelist. He was gifted by God to be an evangelist. He loved people. Everywhere he went people would get saved. If you went to the restaurant with him before you left either the waitress or someone in the table next to him was getting saved, born again and he'd bring them to the house church in his home. He just kept doing that. He didn't get this concept of multiplication.

His group grew to fifty or sixty people in their living room and they all burned out on it. It was too much. His wife couldn't take it anymore and that thing fizzled out and died. They closed it down because they didn't learn to multiply. If you don't learn how to multiply, if you don't do this step, you're just going to become another church.. You are going to continue to add to your number but you're not learning how to multiply. You have to go through step four and divide the group if you want your Ekklesia to grow and multiply. Always be looking for the leader of the next group.

When you divide you will have two groups. One you are still leading and the one that

## Practical Steps to Multiplication



5. Both Groups start over by adding and multiplying new disciples by GOING to where the people are.

... and building relationships through spending time together.

the new leader that you have trained is leading. Both groups start over by adding and multiplying new disciples and going where the people are and doing the whole thing over again. Just start building relationships, spending time together.



And then step six is, you don't have to separate entirely from the home congregation that you divided. Its not like you divorced the two groups and you never speak to one another again. You stay connected by sharing prayer requests with one another. One group shares and prays for the other group. You can do things together. Perhaps you can have a

## Practical Steps to Multiplication



6. Stay connected with occasional larger gatherings for fellowship and further training.

Church Fellowship Halls, Park Pavilions, Campgrounds, etc.

large meal together. Most churches are needing money and they would welcome the chance to rent their fellowship hall out to home congregation groups for large gatherings. You could rent a church fellowship hall and have all the groups come together for a special meeting. Maybe even have one of the apostolic team mem-

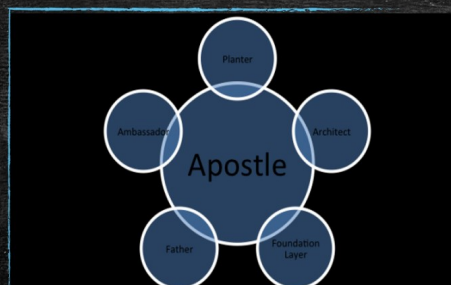
bers come and share with you. Invite them to come, if you'd like, that would be fine.

You can get the other groups together for things like a chili cook-off on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the park. Have all of them come together. You'll find creative ways to stay connected with occasional larger gatherings. Some of them are getting together for the festivals of the Lord seven times a year, the feasts of the Lord. They get together in larger groups to do that.

You'll find creative ways. The Holy Spirit will lead you in ways to stay connected by praying for each other and fellowshiping with one another. So that you're not really splitting like a church split. You're dividing in order to multiply and reach more people in the community. There's a lot of ways to do it at park, pavilions, campgrounds. Go on a weekend camp out together, keep the people connected.

The last step is to establish an apostolic connection and an alignment with someone that you know is functioning in the five-fold ministry. Stay connected with OKM and we offer that to you. It's not required, not mandatory. When you finish the bootcamp training, we launch you into the kingdom and you are free. We're not a denomination and if you want to stay connected that's your choice.

## Practical Steps to Multiplication



7. Establish an apostolic connection and alignment with someone known to be functioning in the five-fold ministry.

Receive Continued Equipping, Training, Mentoring, & Coaching

Take more courses, graduate. You know the advanced classes or get involved in a regional prayer ministry in your region and stay connected if you choose to. But you need to have some kind of a connection. You'll find yourself all alone out there and getting beat up. You need what I call the juice. That comes through relationships to stay connected because you need that relationship with other's. Receive continued equipping, training, mentoring, coaching. That's one of the ways that you can do it.

We're here to help you and uh the websites are all there and another way you need to stay connected is with your coach, that took you through these twelve weeks. The coaching is really the most important part not these training videos, not even the books. The coach that took you through this loves you, cares about you. You can stay connected with them. In fact, many many of the groups stay connected with one another without the coach after they graduate. They keep meeting and you can do that, meeting online. You're welcome to do that. There's no rules about not doing that. So, there's lots of ways to stay connected and we really encourage you to do that. And the Lord willing we'll see you around. This completes your twelve weeks of boot camp.

We will have a graduation for you at which time we will pray over you. The leadership team will be there. We'll lay hands on you, uh through the internet and pray for you and prophesy over you and then release you into the kingdom and to the king to go do the work of spreading the gospel of the kingdom to your whole community and establishing an Ekklesia in your neighborhood.

