

# HOW TO CONVERT 3000 PEOPLE

Acts 2:41

INTRO: Many of us wonder why we are not converting more people. We are constantly trying to find our cause of failure. What is the matter? What area we doing wrong?

## I. WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO CONVERT A PERSON?

- A. Being Good to People. Some say, "I have been good to my neighbors. I help them when they are sick; I have taken them in my car. I have them to over to dinner. I have been good to them, but I just can't get them to attend services." Being good to people is a great help, but it will not convert them.
- B. Begging and Pleading. Some say: I have been begging and pleading with my friends to come to services. I told them how friendly we are; I told them they would like our preacher and our teachers. I have been begging and pleading, but I just cannot get them interested.
- C. How Much the Church Needs Them. I have told them how much the church needs their help, but they just don't seem to care.

## II. IT MUST TAKE JUST THE RIGHT PERSON.

It is true that some people can reach and influence other people better than some. But this cannot be the answer.

- A. Look at Peter.
- B. He Was Not Educated. Acts 4:13.
- C. He Had an Humble Occupation. Matt. 4:18.
- D. He Denied Jesus' Teaching with Reference to Suffering. Matt. 16:21-23.
- E. He Denied the Lord Three Times. Matt. 26:74-75; Acts 2:13-15.

## III. IT TAKES THE RIGHT THING.

- A. What Thing Did Peter Make Plain? Peter made plain they were lost. Acts 2:36-37; Acts 3:13-15, 17-19.
- B. A Person Must Know His Condition Before He Moves. Before he will be saved, he must know he is lost.
- C. We May Be Cast into Prison for It. Acts 4:3.
- D. We May Be Taken to Court for It. Acts 4:5-7.
- E. We May Be Stoned for It. Acts 7:52-60.
- F. But When We Convince Men That They Are Lost, They Will Move. Note Acts 2:37-41.

CONCL: In kindness and love we must let the lost know their condition. Many will not give heed, but many others will. Let us teach as many as possible their need of a savior. Let them see their condition.