

Acts - Part 2

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I. Introduction.

II. The Apostles began to preach Christ and many came to believe on Him but not cleave to Him. Being Christian means we belong to Jesus.

III. The message that the Apostles preached was that Christ had been raised. They preached the gospel and taught new converts. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

IV. Paul returned to cities he visited risking his life not for preaching, but for follow up.

1. The believers were exhorted to continue and confirm their right decisions. (1 John 5:11-12, 1 Corinthians 10:13)
2. To retain is often more difficult than to acquire.
3. The goal was not to see how much knowledge converts had but how much they learned. (Proverbs 27:23)
4. Barnabus wanted to take Mark who had failed the mission before, but Paul disagreed. This caused their split ultimately. (Proverbs 22:19)
5. Paul took one evangelistic campaign and the rest of his work was mostly follow up. (Acts 18:23)

V. Your basic job is to feed the new convert in Christ.

1. Follow up is not an easy job - it took Paul three years at one point.
2. How to do follow up.
 1. The converts must learn how to hold the Word of God themselves because everybody had to be involved and Christ had to receive the credit. (Philippians 2:16)
 2. The converts must learn to abide in Christ having intimate two way communication with Him in prayer. (1 John 2:28, John 15)
 3. Set an example in what you teach because God never uses a lie to accomplish His work. (1 John 2:12, 1 Thessalonians 2:18, Philippians 4:9)
 4. Focus on multiplication. (2 Timothy 2:2, Deuteronomy 1:11)

Application questions

1. Why follow up new converts to Christ?

2. How do we follow up a new convert?

3. Memorize 2 Timothy 2:2 and write it below. What contribution does this verse have to make in regards to discipleship.
