

CE CONVERSION

Chapter 7 Questions

Main Idea:

All those who are converted- and only those who are converted- should join a local church. When the church is filled with Christians, the Holy Spirit will fill the church with the fruit of Spiritual Growth, genuine fellowship and more.

Digging In:

In this study we are going to draw from all we've learned about conversion in the previous studies and see how conversion impacts the church. In order to do that, we're going to look at the portrait of the earliest church which Luke gives in Acts 2.37-47.

1. Has anything in our study of conversion in these past few classes surprised you? what, why?
2. Can you think of any reasons why conversion is important not just for the individual Christians, but also for the local church?
3. What did Peter's hearers experience at the conclusion of his address? How did they respond (v.37)?
4. What did Peter tell his hearers to do? (Vv. 38,40,41)?

5. Who does Peter say that God's promises of forgiveness are for (v.39)? What does this teach us about conversion?
6. What does it mean that there were added that day about three thousand souls (v.41)? What were the three thousand souls added to?
7. What did the new believers devote themselves to as a church (v.42)?
8. What did the new believers do with their possessions (vv.44-45)? What does this teach us about their attitude toward one another? Think back to our study of 1 John 3.16-18.
9. What did the believers do day by day (vv.46-47a)?
10. What did the Lord do to the church day by day (v.47b)? What does this teach about how the believers related to those outside the church?

11. What do you think would have happened to the church in Acts 2 if, instead of being filled with genuine converted Christians, it was filled with an even mix of genuine Christians and false professors? What do you think that would have done to their:

Devotion:

Generosity and Possessions:

Fellowship:

Evangelistic Efforts:

12. What are some ways the church today might unwittingly allow unconverted Persons into their membership?

13. What are some ways the church can help to prevent this?

In a short paragraph, please answer the following questions. How does this overall picture of life in the early church encourage and inspire you? What aspect of this picture are missing from your experience of the church? How could you go about cultivating them?

