

The Disciples' Mission

The Tactics

1. (*At the festival of Pentecost*), there were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard the noise (*the disciples were making*) a crowd came together. They were all surprised because each one heard the disciples speaking in his own language. They said, "... we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done."
2. Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptised, each one of you ... And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you. It is also for your children and all who are far away."
3. The apostles were doing many miracles and signs.
4. All the believers stayed together. They shared everything. They sold their land and the things they owned. Then they divided the money and gave it to those people who needed it.
5. The believers met together in the Temple every day. They broke bread in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God and all the people liked them.

The Results

1. More and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to the group of believers. A great number of the Jewish priests believed and obeyed too.
2. When the Jewish leaders heard Stephen (*one of the disciples*) saying all these things (*about Jesus*), they were very angry. They were so angry that they were grinding their teeth. They covered their ears with their hands and all ran at him. They took him out of the city and threw stones at him until he was dead. The men throwing stones left their coats with a young man named Saul. Saul agreed that the killing of Stephen was a good thing.