

## Know the Bible

Paul's preparation for being a church planter was being steeped in Scripture 'from birth.' His modus-operandi was to open the Scriptures and point to Christ. When we plant churches, we are not primarily in the world of process and start-up culture (even if we can learn from them - and we will!), but we are doing spiritual work with spiritual tools. The apostles devoted themselves to prayer and to the word. We need to remember that what people are converted by is what they are converted to...

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I. The word of God progresses : Acts 2:47; 5:14; 6:7; 11:21, 24; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20

A. Two essential things for conversion

a. A relationship of love and trust

b. Access to the bible

B. What people are converted by is what people are converted to

1. Personalities

2. Techniques

3. Shows

4. The gospel

## II. Paul's practice

A. Acts 13:4, 15, 42, 44, 46, 48

B. Acts 28:30-31

## III. Communicating the Bible

A. Personal reading and meditation

B. Expository preaching

C. Small groups

D. One-to-one

E. In conversation

F. In family times

***Suggested Readings:***