

of them," he says, "The ~~gunk~~ bulk of them fall away." Well, I remember when I was in seminary. They told about Maitland Alexander, who was fifty years ago pastor of the great First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. And they said the people in Pittsburgh said, some of the churches said, ~~What~~ "Let's get Billy Sunday to come and have a ~~gi~~ big campaign in Pittsburgh." And others said, "No," ~~they~~ they said. "Here's a city up here; Billy Sunday had a campaign, and a year later they couldn't find any of the converts. It's just a motion; people come forward and then they forget about it, and they're gone." Maitland Alexander said, "That's not Billy Sunday's fault." He said, "The evangelist is only the starter. The church has a tremendous responsibility, and if the church falls down ~~in~~ in its responsibility it has no right to blame the ~~evangelist~~ evangelist." So Maitland Alexander said, "Let's invite Billy Sunday." And a year before Billy Sunday was coming Maitland Alexander began holding classes in his church of people/^{on}teaching them how to deal with /inquirers, how to deal with those who were interested in learning about Christ. And he taught his people, instructed them, trained them. The campaign came. Hundreds of people in Pittsburgh went forward, and of course they scattered ~~in~~ out among many different churches. There were 100 of them who joined the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. ~~One~~ One year later they investigated and they found that of those hundred converts in the Billy Sunday campaign that joined the First Church of Pittsburgh 98 of them one year later were active in the church, accomplishing for Christ. The evangelist is the start. God has ordained the follow-up. And the follow-up is important. And that would be my criticism of Billy Graham. I don't think there is a ~~follow~~ follow-up that ought to be. I think the follow-up should be restricted to those who truly believe the Lord. But God calls us to bring people to the knowledge of Christ in any way we can, to call upon them to turn to Christ, to turn from their sin, and He calls upon us to work any method of invitation that can be effective.