



**SESSION AIM**

Help the group understand how the early Church in Jerusalem grew through devotion to teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer, and the Spirit's power.



**BIG IDEA**

A Spirit-empowered community devoted to Christ, one another, and God's mission becomes a witness that draws others to salvation.



**RESOURCE CLUSTER:**

The Launch of the Church



**WORKBOOK SECTION:**

"The Church in Jerusalem: Devotion, Unity, and Power" pp. 56–69



**SUGGESTED TIME:**

60–75 Minutes

**TEACHING FLOW** (Follow These Steps in Order)

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**READ SCRIPTURE**

- Read Acts 2:42–47 together.
- Invite God's Spirit to guide understanding and teaching.

**KEY PASSAGES**

Acts 2:42–47  
Acts 4:32–35  
Psalm 133:1

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**EXPLAIN WORKBOOK SECTION**

- Present the doctrinal content from the workbook.
- Move through the section: characteristics → outcomes → mission.

**WORKBOOK REFERENCE**

"The Church in Jerusalem" pp. 56–69

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**EMPHASIZE KEY TRUTHS**

- Highlight the theological emphases of this lesson.
- Keep Christ and His mission at the center.

**SEE RIGHT COLUMN**

Key Emphases for This Lesson

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**USE VISUALS TO TEACH**

- Use timelines and charts to clarify chronology and relationships.
- Let visuals reinforce key truths.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**

See Right Column and RC Visuals

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**CLARIFY COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- Address likely misunderstandings.
- Strengthen accuracy and clarity.

**SEE RIGHT COLUMN**

Common Confusions

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**FACILITATE DISCUSSION**

- Use the discussion questions to engage the group.
- Encourage thoughtful participation.

**SEE BELOW**

Discussion Questions

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**APPLY AND RESPOND**

- Guide the group to apply truth to life and mission.
- Close in prayer and commitment.

**SEE BELOW**

Application and Prayer Focus

**KEY EMPHASES FOR THIS LESSON**



**Devoted to the Apostles' Teaching**

They devoted themselves to sound doctrine that centered on Christ and His mission.



**Fellowship and Shared Life**

They enjoyed close fellowship, cared for one another, and shared what they had.



**Breaking of Bread**

They met regularly to celebrate the Lord's Supper with joy and gratitude.



**Prayer and Dependence on God**

They were devoted to prayer together, relying on God's power.



**Favor with God and People**

The Lord added to their number daily as the Church grew in unity and mission.

**COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- This was idealism, not reality.**  
It was real. While not without challenges, this describes their normal, Spirit-empowered life.
- They had no structure or leadership.**  
They were led by apostles and elders, not chaos (Acts 4:33; 11:30).
- They were a social club.**  
They were mission-focused, not inward-focused. Worship led to witness.
- This is not reproducible today.**  
These principles are timeless though cultural expressions may vary.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**



Acts 2:42–47 Overview Timeline (Practices → Power → People)



The Marks of the Early Church Chart (5 Devotions and Their Outcomes)



Growth of the Church in Jerusalem Graph (Added Daily – Acts 2:47)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1 What were the five key practices of the early Church in Acts 2:42–47?
- 2 Why do you think the apostles' teaching was the foundation?
- 3 How did their unity and generosity impact the community?
- 4 What role did the Lord's Supper play in their life together?
- 5 How did prayer fuel their mission and daily life?
- 6 What can we learn from their devotion to God and one another?

**APPLICATION**

- Commit to regular fellowship with believers.
- Prioritize sound Bible teaching.
- Practice generosity and care for others.
- Value the Lord's Supper and prayer.
- Live in a way that attracts others to Christ.
- Ask the Spirit to empower our church today.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank the Father for the gift of the Church. Ask the Spirit to cultivate devotion, unity, and power in our church so that more people come to know Jesus.

**RELATED RC RESOURCES**



**WORKBOOK**  
"The Church in Jerusalem: Devotion, Unity, and Power" pp. 56–69



**GLOSSARY TERMS**

- Fellowship
- Devotion
- Generosity
- Breaking of Bread



**VISUAL THEOLOGY**

- Acts 2:42–47 Overview
- Marks of the Early Church
- Growth of the Church in Jerusalem



**ARTICLES & MEDIA**

- Life in the Early Church
- Unity in Christ
- The Lord's Supper
- Prayer in the Early Church



**FUTURE ADDITIONS**

Videos, podcast episodes, and teaching media will be added.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Fireproof Studies resources are designed to work together as interconnected theological learning tools rather than isolated documents. The more you use the tools together, the deeper and clearer your understanding—and your teaching—will become.

