



**SESSION AIM**

Help the group understand how the early Church took its first steps in obedience after Pentecost and experienced God's favor as a result.



**BIG IDEA**

When the Church obeyed the teaching of the apostles, lived in unity, and depended on the Lord, God added to their number daily and filled them with favor.



**RESOURCE CLUSTER:**

The Launch of the Church



**WORKBOOK SECTION:**

"The Church's First Steps: Obedience, Unity, and Favor" (Acts 2:42–47)  
pp. 112–133



**SUGGESTED TIME:**

60–75 Minutes

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

**1**



**READ SCRIPTURE**

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

**KEY PASSAGES**

Acts 2:42–47  
Psalm 133:1

**2**



**EXPLAIN WORKBOOK SECTION**

- Present the doctrinal content from the workbook.
- Move through the section: practices → unity → favor → growth.

**WORKBOOK REFERENCE**

"The Church's First Steps"  
pp. 112–133

**3**



**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

**5**



**CLARIFY COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- Address likely misunderstandings.
- Strengthen accuracy and clarity.

**SEE RIGHT COLUMN**

Common Confusions

**6**



**FACILITATE DISCUSSION**

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

**SEE BELOW**

Discussion Questions

**7**



**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**



**They Devoted Themselves**

The believers committed themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship with one another.



**They Shared in Fellowship**

They enjoyed deep, joyful fellowship in the community of believers.



**They Broke Bread Together**

They regularly met to eat together with glad and sincere hearts.



**They Shared Their Possessions**

They gave generously so that no one in their community had need.



**They Praised God and Had Favor**

They continually praised God, and all the people saw God's favor on them.



**The Lord Added to Their Number Daily**

The Lord saved those who were being added to the Church every day.

**COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- 1 The early Church is not a program to copy.** Their practices flowed from the Spirit's work, not a human program or formula.
- 2 Sharing was voluntary, not enforced.** Believers gave willingly, not under compulsion (Acts 4:32–35).
- 3 Unity does not mean uniformity.** They were united in Christ, not identical in culture or opinions.
- 4 Growth was God's work, not theirs.** They were faithful to obey; God added to their number.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**

- Acts 2:42–47 Timeline (Practices → Favor → Growth)
- The Marks of the Early Church Chart (6 Practices and Their Impact)
- Growth of the Church in Jerusalem Graph (Added Daily – Acts 2:47)
- Unity and Generosity Flow Diagram

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1 What were the six key practices of the early Church (Acts 2:42–47)?
- 2 Why was devotion to the apostles' teaching so important?
- 3 How did the early believers show unity in practical ways?
- 4 What motivated them to share their possessions?
- 5 How did their lifestyle of praise impact others?
- 6 What does it mean that the Lord added to their number daily?
- 7 How can we apply these principles in our church today?

**APPLICATION**

- Devote yourself to God's Word and obedience.
- Invest in genuine fellowship with believers.
- Practice generosity as an act of worship.
- Choose unity and encourage others.
- Live in praise and let God's favor be seen.
- Trust God to build His Church.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank the Father for the gift of His Church. Ask the Spirit to help us live with unity, generosity, and devotion to the apostles' teaching. Pray for God to add to our fellowship those who are being saved and to fill our church with His favor.

**RELATED RC RESOURCES**

**WORKBOOK**  
"The Church's First Steps: Obedience, Unity, and Favor"  
pp. 112–133

**GLOSSARY TERMS**

- Fellowship
- Generosity
- Unity
- Favor
- Growth

**VISUAL THEOLOGY**

- Acts 2:42–47 Timeline
- Early Church Marks Chart
- Growth Graph
- Unity & Generosity Diagram

**ARTICLES & MEDIA**

- What the Early Church Looked Like
- Unity That Glorifies God
- Generosity in the Gospel

**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.

