



**SESSION AIM**

Help the group see how the Holy Spirit continued to empower the Church after Pentecost—resulting in bold witness, signs and wonders, unity, and unstoppable growth.



**BIG IDEA**

Empowered by the Spirit, the Church lived in unity, spoke with boldness, saw God at work through signs, and grew as the Gospel spread.



**RESOURCE CLUSTER:**

The Launch of the Church



**WORKBOOK SECTION:**

“The Mission Advances: Boldness, Signs, and Growing Impact” (Acts 2:42–47; 3:1–10; 4:1–31) pp. 184–205



**SUGGESTED TIME:**

60–75 Minutes

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

**1**



**READ SCRIPTURE**

- Read Acts 2:42–47; 3:1–10; 4:1–31 together.
- Invite God’s Spirit to guide understanding and teaching.

**KEY PASSAGES**

Acts 2:42–47  
Acts 3:1–10  
Acts 4:1–31

**2**



**EXPLAIN WORKBOOK SECTION**

- Present the doctrinal content from the workbook.
- Move through the section: observation → significance → application → mission.

**WORKBOOK REFERENCE**

“The Mission Advances” pp. 184–205

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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 show events and their impact.
- 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

**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**



**Devoted to Teaching and Fellowship**

Believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to one another (Acts 2:42).



**Unity and Shared Life**

They broke bread together, prayed, and shared all things in common (2:42–46).



**God Added to Their Number**

The Lord added daily to their number those who were being saved (2:47).



**Signs and Wonders Confirmed the Gospel**

Peter healed a lame man in Jesus’ name, and the people saw and believed (3:1–10).



**Bold Witness in the Face of Opposition**

Peter and John spoke boldly about Jesus despite threats and arrest (4:1–22).



**Prayer and the Filling of the Spirit**

The believers prayed together, and the place was shaken as they were filled again (4:23–31).

**COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- 1 The early Church was perfect.**  
They were Spirit-empowered but still human and learning to follow Jesus daily.
- 2 Miracles were the goal.**  
Signs confirmed the message, but the mission was always people and the Gospel.
- 3 Sharing meant communism.**  
It was voluntary generosity, not forced redistribution (Acts 4:34–35).
- 4 Boldness means being loud.**  
Biblical boldness means speaking truth in love, relying on God, not self.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**

- Acts 2–4 Timeline (Community, Miracles, Opposition, Prayer)
- 📊 Growth of the Church in Jerusalem Graph (2:41–47)
- 👤 Peter Heals the Lame Man Illustration (Acts 3:1–10)
- 🛡️ Before and After: Boldness Through the Spirit (Acts 4:13, 31)
- 👥 Unity and Generosity Flow Chart (Acts 2:42–46; 4:32–37)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1 What stood out to you most in Acts 2:42–47? Why?
- 2 How did unity and shared life impact the Church?
- 3 What do Acts 3:1–10 teach us about the power of Jesus’ name?
- 4 How did Peter and John demonstrate boldness in Acts 4?
- 5 What role did prayer play in the Church’s strength?
- 6 How can we live these truths in our church today?

**APPLICATION**

- Be devoted to God’s Word and to one another.
- Share generously and serve humbly.
- Pray together and depend on the Spirit.
- Be bold in speaking about Jesus.
- Trust God to grow His Church through us.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank the Father for the growth and unity of the early Church. Ask the Spirit to fill us anew with boldness, love, and compassion. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus, for miracles of grace, and for continued growth in our church and community.

**RELATED RC RESOURCES**

**WORKBOOK**  
“The Mission Advances: Boldness, Signs, and Growing Impact” pp. 184–205

**GLOSSARY TERMS**

- Boldness
- Fellowship
- Signs and Wonders
- Unity
- Generosity

**VISUAL THEOLOGY**

- Acts 2–4 Timeline
- Growth Graph
- Prayer and Boldness Flow
- Unity and Generosity Diagram

**ARTICLES & MEDIA**

- The Power of the Name of Jesus
- The Early Church’s Witness
- Prayer and Boldness
- Living in Open-Handed Love

**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.

