



**SESSION AIM**

Help the group see that the same Holy Spirit who launched the Church is still at work today—calling, empowering, and uniting believers to continue the mission of Christ until He returns.



**BIG IDEA**

The Church's story is not over. Empowered by the Spirit, united in Christ, and sent by God, we continue the mission—proclaiming the Gospel, making disciples, and living as a witness of His kingdom.



**RESOURCE CLUSTER:**

The Launch of the Church



**WORKBOOK SECTION:**

"The Mission Continues: Living as the Spirit-Empowered Church Today" (Acts 2:42–47 and Beyond) pp. 206–227



**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 speak to our hearts.

**KEY PASSAGES**

Acts 2:42–47  
Matthew 28:18–20  
Acts 1:8

**2**



**EXPLAIN WORKBOOK SECTION**

- Present the doctrinal content from the workbook.
- Move through the section: foundation → calling → mission → lifestyle → hope.

**WORKBOOK REFERENCE**

"The Mission Continues" pp. 206–227

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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, flow charts, and diagrams to connect the past with our calling today.
- 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**



**The Same Spirit, The Same Power**

The Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost is still empowering the Church today.



**The Mission Continues**

Jesus has called and sent His Church to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18–20).



**Unity in Christ Across Every Barrier**

The Church is one family—many peoples, one Lord, one Spirit (Ephesians 4:3–6).



**Bold Witness in Word and Deed**

We proclaim the Gospel with courage and live it out with integrity and love.



**A Life Shaped by Spiritual Practices**

Prayer, the Word, worship, fellowship, and generosity keep the Church strong and Spirit-filled.



**Growing Disciples, Fruitful Communities**

God builds His Church through faithful disciples who bear lasting fruit (John 15:5, 16).



**Hope Until He Returns**

We live with expectation and joy, knowing Christ will come again.

**COMMON CONFUSIONS**

- 1 The mission was for the first century only.**  
The Great Commission and the Spirit's power continue today.
- 2 Unity means uniformity.**  
Unity is oneness in Christ, not sameness in culture or opinion.
- 3 Boldness means forcefulness or argument.**  
True boldness is Spirit-empowered truth spoken in love.
- 4 Church is only a building or program.**  
The Church is God's people—living, sent, and on mission.
- 5 Growth is up to us, not God.**  
We are called to be faithful; God gives the increase.

**RECOMMENDED VISUALS**

- Acts Timeline: From Launch to Today (Continuing the Story)
- The Nations: Acts 1:8 Map (Jerusalem → Judea → Samaria → Ends of the Earth)
- The Mission Flow: Gospel → Disciples → Communities → Nations
- Discipleship Growth Chart: Planted → Growing → Fruitful
- Unity Across Peoples Diagram (One Body, Many Members)

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1 What stands out most to you in Acts 2:42–47?
- 2 How do the early Church's practices shape us today?
- 3 What does it mean that the same Spirit empowers us?
- 4 How can we live out the Great Commission this week?
- 5 What are some barriers to unity in the Church today?
- 6 How can we be stronger witnesses in word and deed?

**APPLICATION**

- Commit to daily dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- Be an active part of your local church.
- Share the Gospel in word and lifestyle.
- Disciple others and invest in their growth.
- Give generously to support the mission.
- Pray for the nations and unreached people.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Thank the Father for the gift of His Spirit and the privilege of being part of His mission. Ask the Spirit to empower, unite, and send us with boldness and love. Pray for our church, our communities, and the nations—until Jesus returns.

**RELATED RC RESOURCES**

**WORKBOOK**  
"The Mission Continues: Living as the Spirit-Empowered Church Today" pp. 206–227

**GLOSSARY TERMS**  
• Commission  
• Empowerment  
• Discipleship  
• Witness  
• Mission

**VISUAL THEOLOGY**  
• Acts 2–4 Timeline  
• Mission Flow Diagram  
• Unity Across Peoples  
• Discipleship Growth Chart

**ARTICLES & MEDIA**  
• The Great Commission Today  
• What Bold Witness Looks Like  
• Unity in a Divided World  
• Living by the Spirit

**FUTURE ADDITIONS**  
Videos, podcasts episodes, and teaching media will be added.



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



**THE WIND CONTINUES. THE MISSION REMAINS. THE CHURCH GOES ON. UNTIL HE RETURNS.**