

Acts 2: Awe Came. The Lord Added.

Acts 2:42-47 (with Acts 5:11-14 and Acts 9:31) · For posting on YouTube & Facebook. Use the overview for the description; add the prompt and links wherever they fit.

VIDEO OVERVIEW (post-ready)

The church is about a day old, and Luke hands us a snapshot. Watch how he bookends it. Verse 43: **“awe came upon every soul.”** Verse 47: **“the Lord added to their number day by day** those who were being saved.” The church didn’t work up either one. The awe came upon them, and the Lord did the adding. Everything the church does sits in between: they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, ate together, prayed, shared, and praised God. There’s no growth strategy anywhere in the paragraph. God is at both ends, with his people gathered around his word in the middle. And that word “awe” is really “fear,” the fear of the Lord. Luke puts fear and growth side by side again in Acts 5 and Acts 9. The risen Jesus builds his church, and his people stand in awe of him.

GO DEEPER, STUDY PROMPT FOR VIEWERS

Read **Acts 2:42-47** and circle every verb. Sort them into two lists: what the church did and what God did. Then read **Acts 5:11-14** and **Acts 9:31** and ask what Luke keeps putting right next to the church’s growth.

KEY PASSAGES REFERENCED

Elsewhere in Acts: **Acts 5:11-14** (great fear, and more than ever believers were “added to the Lord”) · **Acts 9:31** (walking in the fear of the Lord, the church multiplied) · **Acts 19:17-20** (fear fell on them all, and the word kept increasing)

Luke’s Gospel: **Luke 5:8-10** (Peter falls down in fear, then hears “you will be catching men”) · **Luke 7:16** (“fear seized them all, and they glorified God”)

Rest of Scripture: **Matthew 16:18** (“I will build my church”) · **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** (“God gave the growth”)

RESOURCES & FURTHER READING

Additions to the Church

C.H. Spurgeon · The Spurgeon Library (sermon, 1874)

<https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/additions-to-the-church/>

Spurgeon on Acts 2:47, hammering the point that it’s the Lord who adds to his church.

Commentary on Acts, Volume 1

John Calvin · Christian Classics Ethereal Library (free, public domain)

<https://www.ccel.org/ccel/calvin/calcom36.html>

Calvin on Acts 1 to 13, free to read online. His comments on 2:42-47 are short and worth it.