

Saturday — May 2

The Life We Share

Acts 2:47

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Here is the remarkable ending to the story of Acts 2: the Lord kept adding people. Day by day. Not because the early church ran a clever campaign or figured out the right strategy. But because they lived in a way that was different — and that difference was visible.

They devoted themselves to learning together. They shared what they had. They ate around one another's tables. They prayed — not just for themselves, but for the whole community. And people noticed. People were drawn in. The life they shared was the witness.

This is what the resurrection does. It creates a community that does not look like the surrounding world. In a world built on individualism — my life, my stuff, my goals, my comfort — a community that actually shares its life together stands out. It is strange. It is beautiful. And it points to Jesus.

Tomorrow you will gather with your church family around the Word and the Sacrament. You will be doing exactly what the Acts 2 church was doing — together. This week's devotions have been preparing you to walk through that door with fresh eyes. You are not going to church. You are going to the life you share.

Discussion Questions

1. Looking back at this week's devotions, which of the four devotions — teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, or prayers — do you feel most drawn to grow in? Why?
2. How do you think the way your church lives together could be a witness to neighbors, friends, or coworkers who don't yet know Jesus?
3. What is one concrete thing your family wants to carry from this week into the weeks ahead?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You rose from the dead and gathered Your people into a shared life. Thank You for the church — imperfect, ordinary, and beautiful. As we prepare to worship with Your people tomorrow, stir up in us a love for the life we share. Make us devoted — to Your teaching, to one another, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer — so that our life together points to You. Amen.

Family Action Item

Before you go to sleep tonight, talk together about one way your family will try to live more like the Acts 2 church in the coming month. Write it down somewhere you will see it. Then go to worship tomorrow ready to receive — and to give.