

# Building a Church for the Unchurched: Biblical Basis

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## **BUILDING A CHURCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED: BIBLICAL BASIS**

**PURPOSE:** Develop a better biblical perspective on church growth.

- OBJECTIVES:**
- Establish the theological understanding for church growth
  - Understand the biblical basis for numerical gains.

## **BUILDING A CHURCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED: THEOLOGICAL BASIS**

- Church growth is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Drawbacks associated with the use of “church growth” are:
  1. A \_\_\_\_\_ mentality
  2. Largeness as the only measure of ministerial \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. “\_\_\_\_\_” building
  4. A \_\_\_\_\_ game

### **THE BIBLICAL BASES (Acts 2:42-47)**

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- A church grows \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 42).
- A church grows \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 44).
- A church grows \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 47).

Seven main characteristics of Paul's missionary work:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

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## BIBLICAL BASIS FOR NUMERICAL GAINS

- Jesus said, “Upon this rock (Peter—man) I will build my church” (Matt. 16:18).
- Jesus commanded, “Go and make disciples of all people...” (Matt. 28:19).
- Jesus had progress reports along the way:
  1. “The Lord appointed \_\_\_\_\_ others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town” (Lk 10:1).
  2. “The Lord appointed \_\_\_\_\_ others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town” (Lk 10:1).
  3. “Go out to the roads and country lanes and \_\_\_\_\_ them come in, so that my house will be full” (Lk 14:23).
  4. Jesus said, “For the Son of Man came to \_\_\_\_\_ and to save what was lost” (Lk 19:10).

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5. “The Lord added to their numbers  
\_\_\_\_\_ those who were being  
saved”(Acts 2:47).
  6. “So the Word of God spread. The number of  
disciples in Jerusalem increased  
\_\_\_\_\_, and a larger number of  
priests became obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7).
  7. “Then the church...was strengthened; and  
encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in  
\_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 9:31).
  8. Years later Paul and Timothy “As they traveled  
from town to town....the churches were  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the faith and grew  
daily in numbers” (Acts 16:5).
- How could this happen?  
“Day after day in the temple courts and from house  
to house, they \_\_\_\_\_ stopped  
teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is  
the Christ” (Acts 5:42).

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### ACTION PLANNING/REPORTING FORM

Homework: Based on the information presented, and ideas generated from this training session, develop a project (or plan) for enhancing church growth.

Steps to Implement Project/Plan	Who will do this step?	When will it be done?	What were the results?	What might you do differently next time?
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

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