

**Increased The Church?**  
**Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)**  
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Many asked the questions, is my church dying? Or Why isn't my church growing? This is the question for us today. If our church doors close, will it matter to us, to our community or the world?

- Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Lord expects the church to increase. The church recorded in the book of acts was a growing church. - Acts 5:14, Acts 6:1, Acts 6:7, Acts 9:31, Acts 11:21, Acts 11:24

- Acts 16:5 So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.
1. How can we get more members? How can we grow the church numerically?
  2. How do we increase visitors?
  3. How do we turn visitors to active, productive members?
  4. Signs of a dying or failing church –
    - a. Leadership is gridlocked.
    - b. No real growth for the last five years.
    - c. Your vision is in the rear-view mirror, not the windshield.
    - d. You've lost the ability to attract quality staff.
    - e. Few outwardly-focused ministries.
    - f. Failure to be relevant.
    - g. The priority of comfort.