

# Vision 2026 and Beyond

LIFE CHANGES WHEN GOD SHOWS UP  
*sermon notes & study guide*



SHADY GROVE CHURCH 2026

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# Study Guide

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**TEXT: ACTS 2:42-47**

## LESSON AIM

To identify the marks of a Spirit-filled church and evaluate how those marks should shape our lives, ministries, and leadership practices today.

## OPENING DISCUSISON

- When you hear “Spirit-filled church,” what characteristics come to mind?
- How might Acts 2 challenge common expectations of church life?

## BIBLICAL CONTEXT

- Pentecost has already occurred
- The Holy Spirit has been poured out
- 3,000 people have been added to the church
- Acts 2:42–47 shows what life looked like after God showed up

## KEY QUESTION

When God shows up, what changes in the way people live together?

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# Defining Church Community

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## COMMUNITY

A group connected by shared identity and purpose, marked by belonging, mutual support, and shared responsibility.

## CHURCH COMMUNITY

A local body of believers who live out their faith together through worship, learning, fellowship, service, and spiritual growth—extending beyond Sunday into daily life.

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## I. A CHURCH DEVOTED TO THE RIGHT THINGS (V.42)

“They devoted themselves...”

### Areas of Devotion

- Teaching — Commitment to biblical truth \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fellowship (Koinonia) — Shared life, not surface relationships \_\_\_\_\_
  - Breaking of Bread — Worship and relational connection \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prayer — Ongoing dependence on God \_\_\_\_\_
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**Key Insight:**

*A Spirit-filled church is not casual about spiritual disciplines.*

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**Discussion Question:**

*Which of these devotions needs strengthening in our church or leadership team?*

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## II. A CHURCH AWARE OF GOD’S POWER (V.43)

“Awe came upon everyone...”

**Key Observations**

- Awe = reverence and holy fear
- Wonders and signs were done through the apostles
- God is the source; people are instruments

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**Key Insight:**

*God’s power flows through humility and obedience, not position.*

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**Discussion Question:** How do we remain spiritually connected without trying to manufacture results?

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## III. A CHURCH MARKED BY RADICAL GENEROSITY (VV. 44-45)

“All who believed were together...”

**Clarifying the Text**

- Not forced giving
- Not socialism
- Spirit-produced generosity
- Descriptive, not universally commanded

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**Key Insight:**

*God’s presence loosens our grip on possessions.*

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**Discussion Question:**

*What does Spirit-led generosity look like in today’s church context?*

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## IV. A CHURCH FULL OF JOY AND FAVOR (VV.46-47A)

“With glad and generous hearts...”

### **Marks of Daily Life**

- Joy instead of obligation
- Gratitude instead of complaint
- Worship as a lifestyle

### **Impact on Outsiders**

- Favor with the people
- Authentic joy made the church attractive

**Discussion Question:** What does our joy (or lack of it) say about our God?

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

### LOVE CHANGES WHEN GOD SHOWS UP

- *God’s presence reshapes priorities*
- *Devotion fuels spiritual health*
- *Power flows through humility*
- *Generosity reflects gratitude*
- *Joy strengthens witness*

# VISION FOR THIS YEAR AND THE FUTURE

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- 1.) Everything we do must have a Ministry, Discipleship or Evangelistic focus.
- 2.) We must do a better job of being seen in the Market Place.
- 3.) Visitors must become a greater priority and we must become more intentional and consistent in our follow up.
- 4.) We must have a Jerusalem Focus.
- 5.) We must focus on 2 ministries this year:
  - a. Children's Ministry
  - b. Youth Ministry
- 6.) Make better use of our overflow area – Temporary Divider rolled back to have a separate space for fellowship and greeting.
- 7.) Remodel our Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 8.) Family Life Center:
  - a. Basketball Court
  - b. 2 Story Facility
  - c. 24 Classrooms
  - d. 2 Body Fitness Rooms
    - i. Anyone
    - ii. Seniors
  - e. Fully Equipped Commercial Kitchen
  - f. Indoor Running Tack – On 2<sup>nd</sup> Story
  - g. Platform In Gym for Presentations, Services, and Outside Functions
  - h. Shady Grove Academy
  - i. Start With Daycare
    - ii. Add Elementary
    - iii. Add Middle and High School

# MISSION STATEMENT

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SHADY GROVE CHURCH

*We exist that all people may*

*Know the love of God through Jesus Christ*

*Grow in the love of God through Jesus Christ*

*Go share the love of God through Jesus Christ*

## GET READY TO COMMIT

