

1. The Church starts through The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-11



2. What is a church?

A spiritual family
Matthew 12:46-50

A living temple
Ephesians 2:17-22

The body of Christ –
Human beings who believe in Jesus,
work together for Jesus and
are filled with The Holy Spirit
Ephesians 4:1-6



3. What does a church do?

▶ Acts 2:41-47

Bibleteaching

Helping people

Share the bread and the Holy Communion

Prayer

Celebrate churchservice
and worship Jesus with praise and worshipsongs

Testify about Jesus

Baptise those who believe in Jesus

Build the church and take care of it together

Have fellowship with other Christians

Show the world who Jesus is through word and action



4. The church in Jerusalem

- ▶ Starts with Jesus and the disciples
- ▶ Pentecost
- ▶ Peter, James and John are the leaders
- ▶ Because of persecution many believers leave Jerusalem go to new places and start new churches
- ▶ Help other churches with advise
- ▶ Travel to other churches and teach them

5. How do churches grow?

- ▶ Preach the good news of salvation in Jesus Kristus
- ▶ Bible studies
- ▶ Pray for the sick – signs and wonders
- ▶ The comfort and support of the Holy Spirit

Acts 9:31-43

Peter in Lydda and Joppe



6. The Gospel spread to the Gentiles

The house of Cornelius in Caesarea

Acts 10:1-5, 44-48

Cornelius was a man who feared God and a centurion at the Italian Regiment

An angel tells Cornelius to bring Peter

Peter has a vision of a cloth with unclean animals

Peter and Cornelius meet and both of them understand that Jesus wants to start churches for both Jews and Gentiles together

God does show favoritism but accepts from every nation people who fear him



7. The prayerplace at the river in Philippi

Acts 16:11-15

The prayerplace at the river where
Godfearing women gather to pray

Lydia invites Paul and Timothy to
her house

They listen to the preaching and
she and the entire family open their
hearts and believe in Jesus and are
baptised

A church starts in Lydias house



8. The Prison in Philippi

Acts 16:16-34

Paul and Silas are thrown in jail because a slavegirl is delivered from a spirit that predicts the future

They pray and worship

The prison is opened

The prisonguard and his entire family believe in Jesus and are baptised

