



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Thank you for the church! Help our church to grow in keeping with your mission and purposes.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 5:12-16)

¹² At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. ¹³ But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number, ¹⁵ to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. ¹⁶ Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

O – Observe what God has said

What was the church doing well in the first century according to Luke?

What are some characteristics of a thriving/growing church?

W – Work on Application

Perhaps the best way to apply this is to take these criteria home and ask that the Spirit evaluate how well you, your family, and, by proxy this church family is pursuing the mission in these ways. We are halfway through a year already (believe it or not). Now is a great time for a progress report.

Which of these criteria do you believe YOU excel at most? Need the most growth in?

How might you take steps to grow in these areas of needed improvement this week?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number."-Acts 5:14*