

STUDENT GUIDE

Week 26—Church History

Key Verse (Memorization Verse) “All the believers were together and had everything in common.” Acts 2:44

Memorization Helps

Chunk Rhyme and Rythm:

“All who believed stuck like glue,
Shared what they had, like one big crew!”

Take Away Point: God has preserved His church through the ages and it’s history matters in our faith today.

Take Away Explained: There are many key moments in church history, where we can recognize God’s faithfulness throughout, and see how our faith connects to the broader story of the church.

Part 1 (Large Group) (Fill in the Blank)

The Church _____.

Read Acts 2:42-47 “⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Notes:

Point 2 (Large Group) (Fill in the Blank)

The church spreads under Roman rule, even during _____

Read Matthew 16:18 “I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

Notes:

Point 3 (Large Group) (Fill in the Blank)

Martin Luther and the rediscovery of the _____.

3rd Article of the Apostles Creed in the Small Catechism:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ...but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel.”

Notes:

Week Application and Work

Weekly Application: The Catechism says: “In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth...” Through persecution, confusion, and even corruption in history, **God protected His truth**. Just like in the Reformation, God continues to keep His Church centered on the Gospel of Jesus.

Memorize

- **Acts 2:44** All the believers were together and had everything in common.
- **Grace:** God’s Riches at Christ’s Expense.