

## Increase

Acts 9:31

We \_\_\_\_\_ with God  
as \_\_\_\_\_ brings \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is meant by “increase”?

2. How does it happen?

3. What’s our part?

## For Further Reflection and Discussion

*Opener:* What do you have a lot of in your home?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

What are some things that it is good to want more of?

- What are some things that people want more of that aren’t necessarily good?

What do you think about this statement: “God wants His Church to grow”?

- Is this true? Why or why not?
- In what ways (if any) does your response change if the statement is revised to, “God wants our church—Risen King—to grow”?

Look at Acts 9:31 and try to put yourself in the place of those early believers. What would have been exciting in that season, and what would have been challenging?

In Acts 9:31, what is stated or implied that God did?

- What did the church do?

What might it have looked like for the church to walk in the fear of the Lord?

- Look at Acts 9:26 and 10:2 (and the verses around them to understand their context). How do the ways “fear” is referenced in these verses affect how you understand “fear” in 9:31?

Why might the early Church have needed to be encouraged?

What does it look like in your life to be encouraged by the Holy Spirit?

How can we pray for one another?