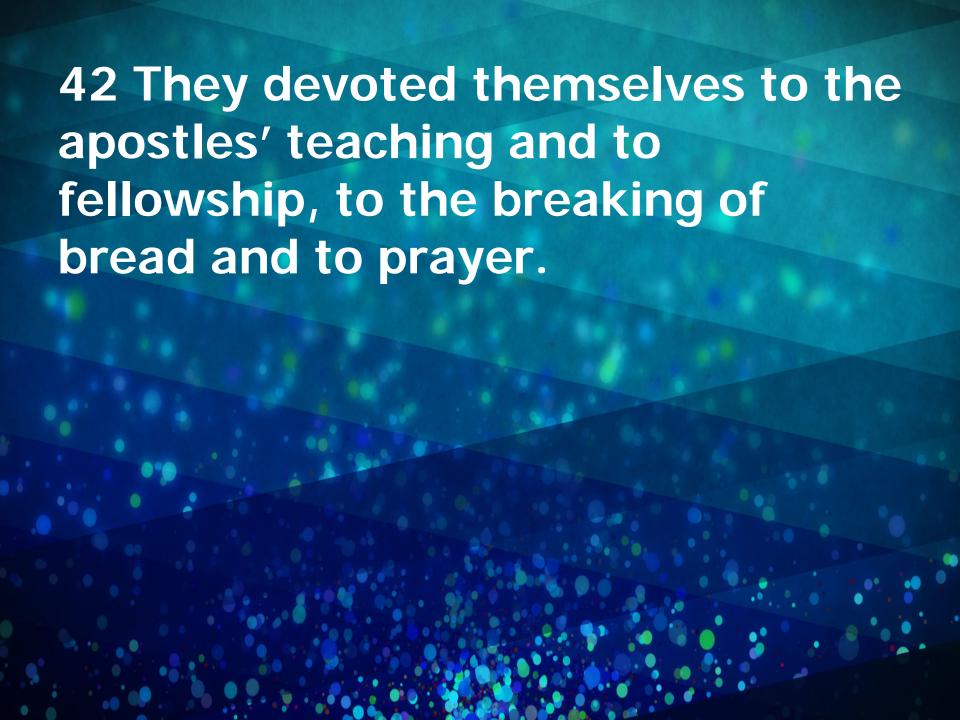


Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.





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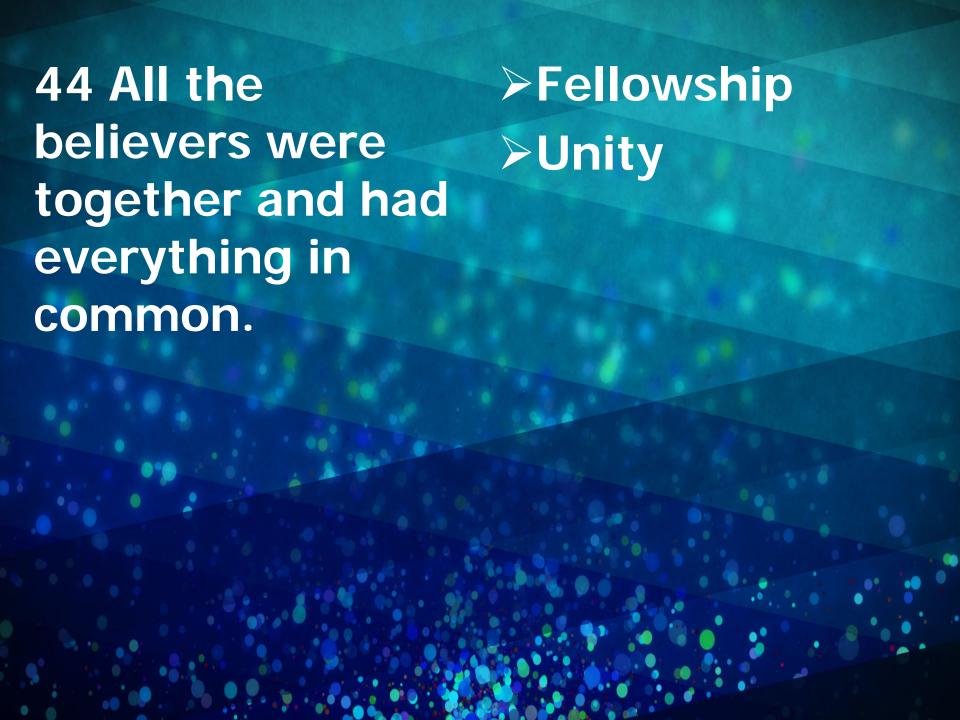




- 1. Learning
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- **Enjoying**
 - > Favor

They did life together They learned together They served together They prayed together They ate together They worshiped together They did life together



When we are not in community there are consequences

- We are open to erroneous teaching
- >We are open to Satan's attack
- >We are open to wrong thinking
- >We are open to temptation

When in community:

- >We have power to overcome
- >Our lives are enriched
- >We are happier
- >We are more content
- >We are stronger
- > We are more effective
- >We are more productive
- >We are resistant to attack



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