



They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone.

— Acts 2:47 (CEB)

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers . - Acts 2:42 (CEB)

The early church was formed through _____.

As the church grew, new challenges required faithful _____ rather than rigid sameness.

About that time, while the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose...Brothers and sisters, carefully choose seven well-respected men from among you. They must be well-respected and endowed by the Spirit with exceptional wisdom. We will put them in charge of this concern. - Acts 6:1a, 3 (CEB)

Faithfulness to God's vision sometimes means preserving core practices while _____ how we live them out.

Vision becomes real when God's people respond with _____ rather than certainty.

Reflection Questions:

- † What practices shape your faith most right now, and how are they forming the way you live with others?
- † Where might God be inviting you to adapt in order to care more fully for people today?
- † What is one place where you sense God calling you to participate more intentionally in the life God is forming among us?

Challenge

Identify one way God may be inviting you to live more fully as a disciple of Jesus, and take one faithful step in response this week.

Daily Prayer

God of grace, thank You for the witness of the early church. Teach me to hold faithfulness and flexibility together, to remain devoted to You, and to respond when Your Spirit invites change. Guide my life so that it reflects Your love, Your care for all people, and Your vision for the world. Amen.