

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

The logo for CPAS, consisting of the lowercase letters 'cpas' in white on a dark blue circular background.A graphic featuring a large orange circle with the words 'GROWING LEADERS' in white, bold, uppercase letters. It is surrounded by several smaller circles in shades of orange and blue.

**GROWING
LEADERS**

Acts 2:42-47

What do the differences tell you about God's vision for his church?

Occasionally they spent some time listening to the apostles' teaching and, when they could, they met together for fellowship, for the breaking of bread and for prayer.

Awe came upon some of them. But there were no signs and wonders. All who believed were separated into groups and kept themselves apart in all they did; they would hoard their possessions and goods and show indifference to those in need.

Day by day, they went about their lives as individuals, only meeting weekly or fortnightly in the temple. They broke bread at home alone and ate their food with cold and empty hearts, giving token thanks to God. They were held in contempt by all the people. And day by day their numbers dwindled and it seemed that few were being saved.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (NRSV)