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2:46 Attending. Luke summarizes the practice of the early church in two words. First, they “attended” – that is, they regularly worshipped together and shared time in their homes with one another. The people of God weren’t isolated, but instead, lived in community and gave thanks to the Lord for all that He was doing and providing.

2:47 Praising. Second, God’s people focused on the Lord, praising Him as the God who had brought Good News (=the gospel) to His people. This changed their entire way of life (v42-45), which was then noticed by the people around them. These Christians witnessed to Jesus by their very way of life.

The Point: The growth of Christ’s church is the blessing that God gives as His people respond to His gospel by faith in Jesus. When we prize Gospel proclamation, Christ-centered fellowship, and intentional and sacrificial care for one another, we enjoy the blessing of being a church used by God to spread – and live in the enjoyment of – His gospel.

Prayer: Lord, you are so good to us. Your gospel gives us hope that we could never earn, but that You have given anyway. A hope in Jesus that transforms how we live now, how we care for others now, because of our trust in what Jesus will bring to completion when He comes back. Thank you!

Application: How will you prize the Christian life in your own schedule and routine this week? Who around you needs to see (and hear!) *from you* genuine, lasting, hope in Jesus?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
