The Early Jerusalem Church

Practice reading Greek aloud by reading the following passage.

43) ἐγίνετο δὲ πάσῃ ψυχῇ φόβος, πολλὰ τέρατα καὶ σημεῖα διὰ τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγίνετο. 44) πάντες δὲ οἱ πιστεύοντες ἦσαν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ καὶ εἶχον ἁπαντά κοινά 45) καὶ τὰ κτήματα καὶ τὰς ὑπάρξεις ἐπίπρασκον καὶ διεμέριζον αὐτὰ πάσιν καθότι ἀν τις χρείαν εἶχεν· 46) καθ’ ἡμέραν τε προσκαρτεροῦντες ὁμοθυμάδιον ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ, κλώντες τε καὶ οἴκον ἄρτον, μετελάμβανον τροφῆς ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει καὶ ἀφελότητι καρδίας 47) αἰνοῦντες τὸν θεόν καὶ ἑχοντες χάριν πρὸς ὅλον τὸν λαὸν. ὃ δὲ κύριος προσετίθει τοὺς σφοξιμένους καθ’ ἡμέραν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ.

According to Acts 2:43-47, what were some of the characteristics of the early Jerusalem church? Using your Word-Study Greek English New Testament, read the Greek text above. Draw a box around Greek verbs, a circle around Greek nouns and underline Greek participles.

Write below five characteristics of the early Jerusalem church and their corresponding Greek phrases.

1) ______________________________________________________________________
2) ______________________________________________________________________
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4) ______________________________________________________________________
5) ______________________________________________________________________

Using your Word-Study Greek English New Testament, find the root word of διεμέριζον, and write it in the following space. ________________________________

Write in the following space its Strong’s concordance number and how many times the root is used in the Greek NT. ________________________________

How is the word used in Acts 2:45? ________________________________

Where is it used in the rest of the New Testament? Give verse references and a general description of how it is used in the space provided.

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The word is not used often in the LXX. Using Morrisey, examine its uses in the LXX. How does it compare to its usage in the New Testament? Specifically, its usage in Acts 2:45?

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What LXX Psalm does the Gospel of John mention as being fulfilled in Jesus’ crucifixion? It is alluded to in all of the Gospel crucifixion accounts.

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