

WEEK 3: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 1: THE DISCIPLES BEGAN TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST
Acts 2:1-6

1. We have learned how the disciples waited in Jerusalem.

What did they do about Judas while they were waiting? _____

Through whom did they find what to do after this? _____

2. While the disciples waited, they put another disciple in Judas' place. After this, they found what to do through the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised that the Holy Spirit would come. The disciples waited as Jesus told them to do. At last the Holy Spirit came. The disciples were filled with God's power. They began to do two things:

- (1) They began to speak in other tongues.
- (2) They began to witness for Jesus.

There are good lessons here for us. Take your Bible now and read Acts 2:1 to 6. Read verse 4 again. What is the first thing the disciples began to do after the Holy Spirit came?

3. They began to speak in other tongues. The Holy Spirit had come. He had come to live on earth. But this was not the first time he had come to earth. The Holy Spirit was present at the creation of the earth!

Genesis 1:1-2:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void (or empty), and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

On the Day of Pentecost whom did the Holy Spirit enter, causing them to speak in other tongues?

4. The Holy Spirit entered the disciples. This time he had come to stay. He had come to the earth many times before. But his coming on the Day of Pentecost was a very great thing. He was coming to live in the church. We know that the Holy Spirit was present at the baptism of Jesus.

Matthew 3:16:

And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

When the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost would he leave the church again?

5. He would not leave them again. He came to stay in the life of the church. Jesus had said this would happen.

John 14:16-17:

And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.

On what day did the Holy Spirit come, causing the disciples to speak in other tongues?

6. He came on the day of Pentecost. This was a very great day. The disciples were waiting and praying together. Then strange things began to happen. These were outward signs that the Holy Spirit has come.

Acts 2:2-3:

And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of the mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

Then the disciples began to speak in other tongues. When they did this, what did it show?

7. It showed that the Holy Spirit had come. The sound of wind and the tongues of the fire were signs. The way the disciples spoke was also a sign. These were surprising things. But the signs were not the important things which happened. The important thing was that they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (or words).

When they were filled with the Holy Spirit, what did they begin to do?

8. They began to speak in other tongues. There were many people visiting Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. This was a special time for Jews of many countries. These visitors spoke many different tongues.

Acts 2:6, 12:

And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. "... we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

What were the disciples telling as they spoke in other tongues? _____

9. They were telling the mighty works of God. They were witnessing about Jesus. This was because they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were praising God in new ways. Their hearts were overflowing with praise. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is important.

When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit what did they begin to do?

(1) _____

(2) They began to witness about Jesus.

10. The disciples began to speak in other tongues. This was the first thing they did when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They also did something else. They began to do what Jesus had told them to do.

Say Acts 1:8 to yourself. Jesus promised that after the Holy Spirit came upon them, they would have power to do what?

11. They would have power to witness. Now we see that the disciples received this power. They began to say many things in many tongues. The people in Jerusalem heard them.

Acts 2:7,11:

And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ... we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

What things were the disciples telling about God? _____

12. They were telling his mighty works. The greatest work of God was to send Jesus. Peter stood up to explain this.

Acts 2:22:

“Men of Israel, hear those words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested (or shown) to you by God with mighty works ...

About whom were the disciples witnessing? _____

13. They were witnessing about Jesus. They began to do this on the Day of Pentecost. They kept on doing it after that day. Later we will see that Stephen had great power to witness in Jerusalem. Barnabas had power to witness in Antioch.

Acts 6:5, 10:

and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the holy Spirit ... they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.

Who gave Stephen power to witness about Jesus? _____

14. The Holy Spirit gave him power. The Holy Spirit also gave Barnabas power. He witnessed about Jesus in the city of Antioch. Then he went to many other places with Paul.

Acts 11:24:

and he (Barnabas) exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.

When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in other tongues. What else did they begin to do?

15. They began to witness about Jesus. They witnessed to all who were in Jerusalem.

What was the first thing they began to do when they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

16. They began to speak in other tongues.

When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, what did they begin to do?

(1) They began to speak in other tongues.

(2) _____

17. The disciples began to witness about Jesus. There were many people in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. Luke named people of 16 different tongues who were there. They heard the disciples speaking their tongues. They heard them witnessing about Jesus.

If a person does not have the Holy Spirit in him, can he give a true witness of Jesus?



18. When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost what did they begin to do?

(1) _____

(2) _____



WEEK 3: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 2: PETER EXPLAINED WHAT WAS HAPPENING
Acts 2:6-21

1. Wonderful things happened on the day of Pentecost. The sound like wind filled the room. Flames like fire appeared on each person. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.

What did they begin to do after they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. The disciples began to speak in other tongues. They also began to witness about Jesus. Yesterday we saw that the disciples left their room. They went out and spoke to people of many tongues. Each person could understand in his own language. This was very surprising. In today's lesson Peter explained two things:

(1) Wonderful things happened on the Day of Pentecost because God's Spirit was poured out.

(2) This fulfilled the prophecy of Joel.

3. The people were surprised. Sometimes things happen which we do not understand. Perhaps you once saw or heard something which was strange to you. On the Day of Pentecost many wonderful things happened. The disciples spoke to people of many countries. Each one heard his own tongue.

Acts 2:7-8:

And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?"

When you see something strange do you try to find someone who can explain it to you?

4. Most of us do. These people could not understand what was happening. So they began to ask questions. You have learned that these things happened because God's Spirit was poured out. But the people did not know this.

Acts 2:12:

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

On what day did many wonderful things happen because God's Spirit was poured out?

5. It was on the Day of Pentecost. God was keeping his promise on this special day. Because it was Pentecost, people from many countries were visiting Jerusalem. People of 16 different languages were there.

Acts 2:14-15:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose.

Who explained that wonderful things happened because God's Spirit was poured out?

6. Peter explained this. The people were thinking about it. They said the disciples must be drunk. Drunk men often say strange things.

Acts 2:15-17:

these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

What did Peter explain had been poured out? _____

7. God's Spirit had been poured out. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. They knew they were not drunk. They knew that something very important had happened to them. The prophet Joel in the Old Testament had said this would happen.

After saying they were not drunk, how did Peter explain the wonderful things which happened on the Day of Pentecost?

8. He said that God's Spirit had been poured out. The Holy Spirit had come as Jesus promised. Wonderful things were happening because of God's Spirit. Peter wanted the people to understand this.

Was the pouring out of God's Spirit prophesied in the Old Testament?

9. It was prophesied in the Old Testament. Peter repeated these words from the book of Joel.

Joel 2:28:

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Who wrote the prophecy which was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost?

10. The prophecy of Joel was fulfilled.

Joel 2:29-30:

Even upon the menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my spirit. And I will give portents (or signs) in the heavens and on the earth.

What had happened to fulfil Joel's prophecy and cause wonderful things on the Day of Pentecost?

11. God's Spirit was poured out. Wonderful signs showed what had happened. There was a sound like wind. There were flames like fire. The disciples began to speak in other tongues. They began to witness about Jesus. Peter said these were signs that prophecy had been fulfilled.

Whose prophecy did this fulfil? _____

12. It fulfilled Joel's prophecy. Peter explained why the wonderful things happened. It is surprising to see Peter witnessing boldly. When Jesus was arrested, Peter was afraid. He even said that he did not know Jesus. He did not want to get into trouble. But on the Day of Pentecost he stood up and explained.

How did Peter explain the wonderful things which happened on the Day of Pentecost?

13. He said that God's Spirit had been poured out.

Whose prophecy did this fulfil? _____

14. This fulfilled the prophecy of Joel. Something had happened to the disciples. Something had happened to Peter. Peter was no longer afraid. He and the other disciples had been given power to witness.

Think now about yourself. Are you a bold witness or one who is afraid?

Write one thing which causes Christians to be afraid to witness.

What can be done to help these fearful witnesses? _____

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15. Be ready to talk about this in class.

How did Peter explain the wonderful things which happened on the Day of Pentecost?

Whose prophecy did this fulfil? _____

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WEEK 3: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

DAY 3: PETER TALKED ABOUT JESUS

Acts 2:22-36

1. How did Peter explain the wonderful things which happened on the Day of Pentecost?

Whose prophecy did this fulfil? _____

2. Peter said that God's Spirit had been poured out. This fulfilled the prophecy of Joel. Peter also said many other things to the people. The people listened to the sermon Peter preached. He was witnessing to them. Today we will read part of Peter's sermon. From it we will learn three things to do in witnessing.

- (1) Talk about Jesus.
- (2) Tell what God's word says about him.
- (3) Tell how we know him.

Now open your Bible to read the sermon. Read Acts 2:22-36. Whose sermon will show us things to do in witnessing?

3. You have just read part of Peter's sermon. He shows us three things to do in witnessing. Peter talked about Jesus. He told what God's word says about him. He also told how he knew Jesus. That is how he witnessed to the people. But the apostles were not the only ones who witnessed at Pentecost. Every believer was talking about Jesus to others. It is God's will that all followers of Jesus be witnesses of him.

Whom should we talk about when we witness? _____

4. When a person witnesses he should talk about Jesus. Peter spoke of the life of Jesus. He spoke of his death. He talked much about how God raised him from the dead. Peter gave the gospel.

Acts 2:36:

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, who ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

When Peter witnessed on the Day of Pentecost, whom did he talk about?

5. He talked about Jesus. After that day, the disciples went on talking about Jesus. When Paul witnessed, he too talked about Jesus. He explained the gospel as Peter did.

I Corinthians 15:3-4:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

If we talk about Jesus, what can we say we are doing? _____

6. We are witnessing. We are telling the good news. In later years Peter was still talking about the same thing. In every chapter of the letters he wrote, he said something about Jesus.

I Peter 3:18:

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost what should we do when we witness?

(1) _____

(2) Tell how we know him.

(3) Tell what God's word says about him.

7. First we should talk about Jesus. When people witness, they talk about many things. Some talk about their church. Some talk about the laws of the church. Some talk about sin. But these are not the most important thing to talk about.

Whose sermon shows us that we should talk about Jesus? _____

8. We look at Peter's sermon. We learn how he witnessed. This helps us know how to witness.

Peter's Sermon	How Peter Witnessed
(1) Acts 2:22-24	He talked about Jesus
(2) Acts 2:25-31	He told what God's word says about him.
(3) Acts 2:32-33	He told how he knew him.

From Peter's sermon, what is the first thing we should do when we witness?

9. We should first talk about Jesus. Then we should tell what God's word says about him. Peter told what David had written about Jesus. David was writing God's word. Peter used God's word as he witnessed. We can still read these truths in the book of Psalms where Peter found them.

Acts 2:27,31:

For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let thy Holy One see corruption (or rot in the grave) ... he (David) foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ.

When you witness, can you tell some things which the Bible says about Jesus?

10. I believe you can. You have been learning many things about him in these classes. God's word shows why Jesus needed to come. It shows how he died. It shows how he overcame death.

Where did Peter get the truths which he spoke to the people on the Day of Pentecost?

11. He got them from the word of God. He got them from David's writing in the Psalms.

Acts 2:34-36:

For David did not ascend into the heavens; but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet.' Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

Where can we get truth about Jesus to tell people when we witness? _____

12. We can get it from God's word. This is the Bible. Perhaps you have studied the book, Bringing People to Jesus. If you did, you learned many verses to use in witnessing to people.

From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what is the second thing we should do when we witness.

(1) Talk about Jesus.

(2) _____

(3) Tell how we know him.

13. We should tell what God's word says about him. But that is not all. We should tell how we know him ourselves. We should be witnesses. A witness is a person who really saw or heard something happen. Let us say you saw one man beat another man. You may be called to court to be a witness. The court wants you to tell what you saw. As a witness, you know what happened. You must tell how you know what happened.

In Christian work, we must tell how we know whom? _____

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14. We must tell how we know Jesus. This is one way to witness. A Christian knows Jesus by faith. The Holy Spirit helps him know Jesus. He knows Jesus through things which happen in his life. He can tell others how he knows Jesus.

Peter talked about things which had really happened.

Acts 2:22:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs ...

Do you know Jesus from things which have happened in your life?

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15. I believe your life was changed when you received Jesus. Your sins were forgiven. You could stop doing certain sins. You saw the power of God in your life. You have learned to know Jesus. Peter talked about Jesus in his sermon. He told what God's word says about him. But he knew this was not enough. He told how he knew Jesus from his own life.

Besides telling what the Bible says about Jesus, what must we tell about him?

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16. We must tell how we know him. On the day of Pentecost, Peter witnessed to the people. He told them about the life and death of Jesus. He told them how he knew Jesus.

Acts 2:32:

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

From Peter's sermon, what is the third thing we should do when we witness.

(1) Talk about Jesus.

(2) Tell what God's word says about him.

(3) _____

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17. We should tell how we know him. Peter did this in his sermon. He said things like: I know God raised Jesus from the dead. I have seen him. I know the Holy Spirit has come. I have received him. He could tell how he knew Jesus.

From Peter's sermon, what are the first two things we should do when we witness.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) Tell how we know him.

18. We should talk about Jesus. We should tell what God's word says about him.

What is the third thing we should do? _____

19. We should tell how we know him. Some people do not believe the Bible is true. They may not listen to verses from the Bible. But you can tell them how you know Jesus. You can tell them how he is living in you. They cannot say what Jesus has done for you is not true.

Sule says he does not believe what the Bible says about Jesus. You want to witness to him. What can you say from your own life?

20. Be ready to tell in class how you know Jesus.

From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what three things should we do in witnessing?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

WEEK 3: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 4: PETER ASKED THE PEOPLE TO REPENT
Acts 2:37-41

1. This week we have seen how the Holy Spirit came. The disciples began to witness about Jesus in many tongues. Peter explained that God's Spirit had been poured out. This fulfilled the prophecy of Joel. Then Peter witnessed to the people.

From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what three things should we do in witnessing?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

2. We should talk about Jesus. We should tell what God's word says about him. We should tell how we know him.

Today we will see what Peter did after he witnessed about Jesus. From this we will learn two more things to do. From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, we should do two things after we have witnessed about Jesus.

(1) Ask people to repent.

(2) Ask them to show that they have repented.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 2:37 to 41. Do all Christians know how to witness and help people to repent?

3. Some Christians do not know this. These lessons will help you to witness. And they will help you teach other Christians to witness.

You have just read how Peter witnessed. He stopped talking for a moment. The people began to ask questions. Peter answered their questions. He told them what to do. People need more than a sermon. They need to know what to do.

Acts 2:37-38:

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent ..."

After he witnessed, what did Peter ask the people to do? _____

4. He asked them to repent. After we witness, we must still do two things. Peter's sermon shows us what to do.

Peter's Sermon	How Peter Witnessed
(1) Acts 2:38	He asked the people to repent.
(2) Acts 2:38-41	He asked them to show that they had repented.

From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what is the first thing we should do after we have talked about Jesus?

- (1) _____
- (2) Ask people to show that they have repented.

5. We should ask people to repent. This is part of our work for Christ. Peter witnessed to the people. The people listened well. They heard what Peter told them about Jesus. They heard what God's word says about Jesus. They heard how Peter knew Jesus. They knew they should do something now. They said, "What shall we do?" Peter told them to repent.

When we witness, is it enough for people to hear us? _____

6. This is not enough. The people must do something. Peter told them to repent. During his sermon, the people saw that they had done wrong. They had killed Jesus, the one sent by God. They were sorry they had done this. They must change their minds about Jesus. Before his death, they did not believe Jesus was God's Son. But now they must turn and believe in him. This is what it means to repent.

After we witness, what is the first thing we should ask people to do? _____

7. We should:

- (1) Ask them to repent.
- (2) Ask them to show they have repented.

Witnessing and preaching may make a person wish he had not sinned. But repenting is more than being sorry for sin. Repenting means turning away from sin.

Whose sermon shows us that we should ask people to repent? _____

8. Peter's sermon shows us this. It is not enough to talk to people. We must ask them to do something.

From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what should we do to people after we have witnessed about Jesus?

(1) _____

(2) Ask them to show they have repented.

9. We should first ask them to repent. Peter said that the people must change their minds about Jesus. They must change their minds about sin. Then the people must show that they had repented. Sometimes we change our minds. Our hearts are changed. But people cannot see our minds and hearts. We must do something to show what has happened.

Acts 2:38:

And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What did Peter tell the people to do to show that they had repented and their sins were forgiven?

10. He told them to be baptized. Baptism was the way the early Christians could show others that they had repented. It showed that they had received Christ. It showed that they were with the other believers.

When people repent, they will also show it in other ways. Their lives will begin to change. They will stop doing wrong things. They will begin doing right things.

From Peter's sermon, when should people show these things? _____

11. They should do this when they have repented.

Peter wanted the people to be baptized to show what? _____

12. He wanted them to show that they had repented. Jesus said that a believer must tell others he knows Jesus.

Matthew 10:32-33:

So every one who acknowledges me (or shows that he knows Christ) before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

When we repent and receive Christ, should we try to hide it or try to show it?

13. We should try to show it. There are many ways to show it. The early Christians showed that they had repented by being baptised. New believers can do the same today. They can also show it by the things they do and say.

From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what should we do to people after we have witnessed about Jesus?

(1) Ask people to repent.

(2) _____

14. We should ask them to show that they have repented. The people who heard Peter's sermon repented and showed that they had repented.

Acts 2:41:

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

What is the first thing we should do to people after we have witnessed about Jesus?

(1) _____

(2) Ask people to show they have repented.

15. We should first ask people to repent. But when we witness we should do more than that.

What is the second thing we should do? _____

16. We should ask people to show that they have repented. Yesterday we learned three things to do when we are witnessing.

Say those three things to yourself. Think about the two things in today's lesson. Your people need to learn these things. They should be witnessing for Jesus. Prepare a sermon to preach to your people about witnessing. On another paper, write some things you can say from yesterday's and today's lessons. Preach the sermon if you can. Bring your paper to class.

17. From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what should we do to people after we have witnessed about Jesus?

(1) _____

(2) _____

WEEK 3: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 5: REVISION

You have been studying hard in the book of Acts. This is the end of the third week of your study. Think how much you have learned!

Today we will go over the things you have learned. Try to answer every question. Do not look back in the lessons until you have written all the answers. Then go back. Find the answers at the end of each lesson. If any of your answers are wrong, cross them out. Write in the right answers.

Questions from Week 1:

1. Who wrote the book of Acts? _____

Before Acts, what book did he write? _____

2. The book of Luke tells how Jesus worked through his earthly body. What does the book of Acts tell us about Jesus?

3. What are the three big parts of the book of Acts?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

4. Who is the most important person in the book of Acts? _____

5. Write three ways in which the Holy Spirit is different from other spirits.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

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Questions from Week 2.

6. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do to get understanding and power for witnessing?

7. In what way is Jesus with us now? _____

8. What wonderful promise did Jesus give us as he left the earth? Answer by writing Acts 1:8.

9. After the body of Christ was taken into heaven, what became the body of Christ on earth?

10. From Acts 1:11, how will Jesus return? _____

11. What three things did the disciples do to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

12. What did the disciples do about Judas while they waited in Jerusalem?

Through whom did they find what to do after this? _____

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Questions from Week 3.

13. When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, what did they begin to do?

(1) _____

(2) _____

14. How did Peter explain the wonderful things which happened on the Day of Pentecost?

Whose prophecy did this fulfil? _____

15. From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what three things should we do in witnessing?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

16. From Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, what should we do after we have witnessed about Jesus?

(1) _____

(2) _____

