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1. Lean on God's _____
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1. Leaning on God's word

The central role of God's Word in the life of the early church and its mission is shown in the predominance of sermons - God's word throughout Acts. About a third of the book of Acts consists of these speeches or sermons, most of them by Peter or Paul proclaiming the gospel.

The church grows and thrives through _____:

- Acts 2:42 *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching*
- Acts 6:7 *And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem...*
- In Acts 7, Stephen responds to his accusers by going back to God's word
- Acts 12:24 *But the word of God increased and multiplied.*
- Acts 13:49 *And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.*

- Acts 19:20 *So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily*

2. Leaning on God's Spirit

The Christians in the early church needed the _____ to preach God's word, in decision-making, in discernment, in choosing leaders, and when navigating through tough seasons of persecution.

- A. He gives them power to preach the gospel in boldness (Acts 1:8, Acts 4:31)
- B. He empowers believers with gifts and abilities to fulfill their roles in the church (1 Cor 12:7–11)
- C. He gives guidance and direction (Acts 8:29)
- D. He is instrumental in breaking cultural barriers
- E. in Acts 8,9
- F. He is instrumental in transforming ordinary lives for His glory and purpose in (not limited to) Acts 9:17-20

3. Lean on God's Mission

It is _____ to have the Spirit of God use the Word of God to make the children of God look like the Son of God.

- Be mission-oriented.
- How can we budget our time/energy/resources to intentionally share the gospel ?

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