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4. What can we do to be more prepared to meet with God, be more open to God? Can you share some of your experiences or encounters with God to encourage each other
5. We are called to be witnesses to Jesus to the end of the earth. We will all do this in different ways. Talk together about some of the ways that you witness in your community and some of the ways you want to be able to in the future

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