

BIG TRUTH: GOD'S PEOPLE ARE NOT SILENT

Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Psalm 40:9, 78:4, 105:1, 145:4-7; Ezra 7:10; Acts 4:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 18:9; PSALM 30:12

"And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent...'" Acts 18:9
 "that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever!" Psalm 30:12

BIG IDEAS

- God's people talk and sing about His goodness and greatness.
- God's people share the news that He is Savior.
- God's people teach His Word.

BIBLE PASSAGE: NEHEMIAH 8-9**UNITE: LIVING IN COMMUNITY**

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as "God's People" and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

SERIES AIMS**Every student should know...**

- God has always been making and keeping a people for Himself
- In this age, the church is God's people
- Being a part of God's people should inform every aspect of our lives

**Every student should feel...**

- Love for God and the people of God
- Accountable to God and to the church to pursue holiness
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone

**Every student should strive to...**

- Study the connections between God's people in the Old Testament
- and the church in the New Testament
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Invite others into God's people, the church

**Every student should want...**

- Be marked by their faith
- Talk about God every day, in every setting and circle of influence
- Live as a faithful member of their local church

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider the truth that God's people are not silent. We will pray for opportunities to tell others about God, and we will seek to practice teaching others about His Word.

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Read Nehemiah 8-9 this week and answer the questions below in your journal:

- Read Nehemiah 8. Make a list of the people's responses when they hear the Law of Moses read. How do they react to hearing the Word?
- From the people's reaction to the reading of the Law of Moses, how do you know they are repentant? What verses reveal that they have submitted their lives to following God's Word?
- Read Nehemiah 9. What do the people confess? Why is their confession significant?
- In Nehemiah 9, for what do they offer praise to God? How does this response reveal their commitment to following God and being His people?

Read Nehemiah 8-9 and meditate upon these chapters this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the reality that God's people cannot remain silent about Him. Do you tell others about Him? Does your speech reveal that you love God and are His servant?
- Consider the truth that God's people know and teach His Word. How can you teach others about His Word this week?
- Ponder the reality that God's people talk about Him. How can you praise God daily so that others hear you tell of all that He has done for you?



Pray with your parents this week.

- As you pray this week, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to opportunities to tell others about God and all that He has done for you.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Pray for opportunities to teach others the Word of God.



Set aside time to memorize Acts 18:9 and Psalm 30:12 this week.

- Ask your parents or a friend to join you in memorizing these verses.
- Set aside time to read God's Word this week. Make a list in your journal of all the things that God has done for you. Use Nehemiah 9 as a guide for making your list. Use this list as talking points for sharing with your friends and others about who God is and what He has done.
- Meet with your small group leader this week to discuss ways you can grow in your knowledge of the Bible so you can teach others the Bible.