

BIG TRUTH: WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE*Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 15:11; 2 Timothy 1:9***BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 15:10-11***“Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”***BIG IDEAS**

- We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.
- Our hearts are cleansed by faith, not the law.
- Our belonging is defined by faith, not the law.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 15:1-35**KNEEL: LIVING ON MISSION**

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

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

- The gospel has the power to turn the world upside down.
- They are empowered and chosen to be a gospel witness in the world.
- Our salvation has come by grace alone.

**Every student should feel...**

- Comfort that the Lord is with them wherever they go.
- Hope in the God of salvation.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.

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

- Read, study, and meditate on the entire book of Acts.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Pray consistently for boldness to make Jesus known.

**Every student should want...**

- To pursue faithfulness in living on mission.
- To share the gospel with people in their lives who do not know Jesus.
- To sacrifice their personal freedoms for the sake of the gospel

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the truth that we are saved by faith alone. We will pray for a heart that trusts in this faith. We will practice living daily in the truth that we are saved by faith alone.

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Read Acts 15:1-35 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- Read Acts 15:1-2. What was the issue that faced Paul and Barnabas? Why was this an issue?
- How did Paul and Barnabas handle this issue? Why is it important to address issues concerning additions to the gospel?
- Read Acts 15:8-9. What does it mean that God knows the heart and bore witness of them? Why is this significant? What does it mean for all people who believe?
- Read Acts 15:22-35. What encouragement did Paul, Barnabas, and the other disciples give to the Gentile believers?

Read and meditate on Acts 15 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Consider the ways you've believed in the power of your works over believing in faith. How has this kept you from walking in the freedom that faith brings?
- Ponder the truth that your belonging does not depend upon works. How can you live out this truth each day?
- Consider ways you can tell others that we are saved by faith alone. How can you share this truth?



Pray with your parents this week.

- Ask God to help you live out the truth that you belong because of faith alone and not because of works.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you see ways you've relied upon works over just faith in Christ.



Memorize Acts 15:10-11 this week.

- Ask your parents or a friend to help you memorize these verses.
- Discuss with your parents some ways that you rely too heavily upon your works or "good deeds" instead of trusting in faith alone. Make a list of some of the good works you've trusted in and make a commitment to daily give them to the Lord.
- Meet with your small group leader this week to discuss some ways you can share with others that salvation comes from faith alone. Choose at least one person to share the gospel with and come up with a plan to share how it is our faith in Jesus that saves us and nothing else.