

OUR HOPE IS GREATER THAN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

BIG TRUTH: OUR HOPE IS GREATER THAN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

1 Peter 3:15; Lamentations 3:21-24; Philippians 4:12; Romans 5:2; 2 Corinthians 3:12

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 16:25

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."

BIG IDEAS

- We live for Jesus.
- We disrupt the world with the Gospel.
- We suffer for the name of Jesus.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 16:16-25

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

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it means to hope in Jesus more than our situation here. We will pray for them to live for Jesus daily as we lead them to suffer willingly for Him.

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Read Acts 16:16-26 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- Describe the encounter Paul and Silas have with the slave girl. What angered her owners? What happened to Paul and Silas as a result?
- What was Paul's and Silas' response to their suffering for the sake of sharing the Gospel? What can we learn from their response?

Read and meditate on Acts 16:16-26 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to suffer for the sake of Jesus. How can you help them understand that we will suffer in this world for His name?
- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to live for Him daily.
- Ponder how to lead your son or daughter to hope in more than their circumstances in this world.



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them to willingly suffer for His sake.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to grow them in their hope in Him and their eternal home.



Memorize Acts 16:25 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verse on an index card and review it daily with your son or daughter.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of the things you've wrongly hoped in. Help them identify some of the earthly things they are hoping in and guide them to place their hope in Christ alone.
- Meet with your student to help them see ways they can live for Christ with other believers in the local church. Offer them opportunities to serve within the church this week.