

OUR HOPE IS A WITNESS
TO OTHERS

BIG TRUTH: OUR HOPE IS A WITNESS TO OTHERS

1 Peter 3:15; Lamentations 3:21-24; Romans 5:2; 2 Corinthians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 10:23

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 are a testimony of hope and victory.
- We value the redemption of others over our own freedoms.
- We value the redemption of others over our own hurts.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 16:25-40

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 what it means to value the redemption of others more than our own hurts. We will pray for a heart that focuses on the kingdom of God first and foremost. We will practice living for the proclamation of the Gospel above all things.

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Read Acts 16:25-40 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- As you read the events in Acts 16:25-40, what stands out to you about Paul and Silas? How does their response to their mistreatment lead to the redemption of the Philippian jailer and his household?
- Why did Paul's and Silas' presence in the jail after the earthquake have such an effect on the jailer? How was it a witness to him?
- Why does Luke record that the magistrates apologized to Paul and Silas? What does this tell us about God's view and response to the mistreatment of His people?

Read and meditate on Acts 16:25-40 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:

- Ponder what it means to overlook offenses toward you. What is challenging about this? How can you discipline yourself to do this daily?
- Consider the value you place upon the redemption of others. Do you value their redemption more than you value anything else? What in your life reveals your answer?
- Consider ways you can sacrifice your own freedom for the sake of telling others about Jesus. What can you give up this week in order to tell others about Jesus?



Pray with your parents this week.

- Ask God to help you focus on expanding His kingdom by telling others about Him.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you sacrifice your freedom and overlook personal hurts to share the Gospel with others.



Memorize Acts 16:25 this week.

- Ask a friend or your parents to help you memorize the verse.
- Make a list of personal freedoms that you could give up in order to tell others about Jesus. What are some daily things you do that you could sacrifice in order to let others know about the redemption available to them?
- Discuss with your small group leader the value you place upon the redemption of others. Make a list of things you do value in your life. Discuss if you value the redemption of others over these things.