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Romans 1:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; Matthew 24:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 17:6

"And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities shouting, 'These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also...'"

BIG IDEAS

- The Gospel proclaims the kingship of Jesus.
- Some are persuaded by the Gospel.
- Some are disturbed by the Gospel.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 17:1-9**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 our own belief in the Gospel's power to turn the world upside down. We will pray for boldness to share in spite of the disturbance it causes as we practice telling others who will be persuaded.

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Read Acts 17:1-9 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- What do we learn about Paul from Acts 17:1-2?
- Use the commentary in your study Bible to determine why Paul was reasoning with the Jews that Christ must suffer and die in verses 2-3.
- What was the result of Paul reasoning with them? Who was persuaded? By what power were the people persuaded?
- What were the Jews' response to the conversion of some of the people? See verse 5.
- What does it mean that Paul, Silas, and the others have turned the world upside down? How does Jesus turn the world upside down?
- What was disturbing to the city authorities? What did they take from Jason and the others? Why is this significant?

Read and meditate on Acts 17:1-9 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the ways the Gospel turns the world upside down. Has it turned your world upside down?
- Consider your personal belief in the Gospel. Do you believe the Gospel has the power to persuade people?
- Ponder the reasons the Gospel disturbs people. Do you fear when the Gospel does disturb people? Why or why not?



Pray with your parents this week.

- Ask God to help you grow in your desire to share the Gospel with others that they might be persuaded to believe it.
- Meet with your small group leader to pray for those who are disturbed by the Gospel. Ask God to soften their hearts and open their hearts to believe the truth.



Memorize Acts 17:6 this week.

- Ask your parents or a friend to help you memorize this verse.
- We often do not share the Gospel with others because we do not believe in its power to persuade people. Make a list of people you have believed will not believe in the Gospel. Next to their names, write why you believe this to be true about them specifically. Next, write a verse that speaks to the power of the Gospel or to someone believing the Gospel next to each name to remind you of the power the Gospel has.
- Meet with your small group leader this week to discuss your list of names. Choose one person from your list to share the Gospel with. Pray for this person and commit to share the Gospel with them.