

# WE ARE EMPOWERED TO BE WITNESSES TO THE END OF THE EARTH

## BIG TRUTH: WE ARE EMPOWERED TO BE WITNESSES TO THE END OF THE EARTH

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 26:16; John 15:15; Romans 10:15

### BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 1:8

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

### BIG IDEAS

- The Father has all authority.
- The Holy Spirit gives us power to witness.
- Our witness proclaims Jesus to the ends of the earth.

### BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 1:1-11

### 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 the Spirit empowers us to witness for Jesus. We will pray for hearts that seek to witness for Him as we practice living obediently in our daily lives.

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**Read Acts 1:1-11 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal:**

- In Acts 1:2, what does Luke mean when he says that Jesus gave commands through the Holy Spirit?
- What it mean that Jesus presented Himself alive in Acts 1:3? Why is this significant?
- In Acts 1:8, what is the power that every believer receives? Why is this power important?
- In Acts 1:10, who are the two men in white robes? What promise do they give to the disciples?

**Read and meditate on Acts 1:1-11 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder what it means to receive power from the Holy Spirit. What kind of power does the Holy Spirit give to His people?
- Consider the truth that God's people are His witnesses. How can you witness in your daily life? How can you witness in the world?
- Ponder the ways you can proclaim Jesus to your friends. Do you desire to do this? How can you grow your desire to tell others about Jesus?



**Spend time praying with your parents.**

- Ask God to help you use the power of the Holy Spirit to be a witness everywhere you are.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to guide you to witness to your friends this week.



**Memorize Acts 1:8 this week.**

- Ask a friend or your parents to help you memorize it.
- Use the concordance of your Bible or Bible app to look up verse references to the Holy Spirit. Write down the things the Holy Spirit does for believers. From this list make note of the ways the Holy Spirit empowers believers to witness for Jesus.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss ways that you can increase in your boldness to share the gospel. How can you grow in your boldness this week?