

WE PURSUE BOLDNESS TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN

BIG TRUTH: WE PURSUE BOLDNESS TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN

2 Corinthians 7:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:2; Ephesians 3:12

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 4:29

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness..."

BIG IDEAS

- We trust in God's revelation.
- We speak God's Word boldly.
- We seek boldness from God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 4:1-31

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 seek God for boldness. We will pray for hearts that turn to God first as we practice speaking God's Word boldly.

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Read Acts 4:1-31 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- Read Acts 3. What significant event occurred in this chapter?
- How did the events of chapter 3 lead to the events of chapter 4? Explain.
- What were the disciples teaching that “greatly annoyed” the priests and the Sadducees in chapter 4?
- How was Peter able to preach so boldly?
- Read Acts 4:23-25. What is the disciples’ response to their persecution?
- How did they receive boldness? What did they do in their boldness?

Read and meditate on Acts 4:1-31 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the truth that believers trust in God’s revelation. Do you trust that Jesus is the only way for people to be saved? How do you live out this trust? Do you share this truth with others?
- Consider the truth that believers seek God for boldness. Do you seek God for boldness, or do you turn to other things for boldness?
- Ponder the truth that believers speak God’s Word with boldness. Do you speak the gospel with boldness?



Pray with your parents this week.

- Ask God to give you boldness to proclaim His truth to people who do not know Him.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you desire to speak His Word with boldness.



Memorize Acts 4:29 this week.

- Write the verse in your phone or on an index card. Ask a friend or your parents to memorize it with you.
- Discuss with your parents at least two situations that you face weekly that require boldness in your faith. Role play ways that you can practice boldness and determine to pray in those times for boldness.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss some of the things you turn to besides God when you lack boldness. Make a list of these things and ask your small group leader to ask you if you’ve put these things aside this week and sought God instead.