BIG TRUTH: GOD CHOOSES HIS INSTRUMENTS TO CARRY HIS NAME TO THE WORLD

Romans 1:1-2; Galatians 1:15; Ephesians 3:7; Colossians 1:25

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 9:15

"But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

BIG IDEAS

- We are undeserving of God's calling on our lives.
- God commissions us.
- God desires His name to go out to all the world.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 9:1-18

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 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 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 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 consider the truth that God chose us to carry His name to the world. We will pray for a heart that understands we are undeserving. We will practice fulfilling God's purpose for our lives.

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Read Acts 9:1-18 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal:

- Read Acts 9:1-3. Jot down the character traits revealed about Saul from these verses.
- Read Acts 9:10. What part does Ananias play in Saul's calling and commissioning?
- What does "chosen instrument" mean?
- What is significant about the gospel going to the Gentiles?
- Write an explanation of verse 16 in your own words.

Read and meditate on Acts 9:1-18 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder what it means to be called and chosen by God. Have you thought of this before? Have you thought you were deserving or undeserving of this?
- Consider how you have been commissioned by God to do His will. Do you live out this commissioning? Why or why not?
- Consider what it looks like for you to carry Jesus' name to all of the world. Are you willing to go to other parts of the world?



Pray with your parents this week.

- Ask God to help you be willing to go to all parts of the world to carry God's name.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you understand that you are not deserving of His calling of you.



Memorize Acts 9:15 this week.

- Ask your parents or a friend to help you learn the verse.
- Print off a map of the world or use a map on your phone. With your parents discuss some areas of the world that you are more willing to go to than others. Talk through the reasons this is true. Commit to pray through these reasons and to seek to have a heart willing to go anywhere.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss what it means to be commissioned by God. Discuss some ways you can live out that commissioning in the local church. Walk away with two practical ways to live out your commissioning in the local church.