

GOD USES THE CHURCH TO SEND OUT HIS AMBASSADORS

BIG TRUTH: GOD USES THE CHURCH TO SEND OUT HIS AMBASSADORS

Acts 15:22; Matthew 9:38; 2 Corinthians 1:16; 3 John 1:6

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 13:3-4

“Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.”

BIG IDEAS

- We are called and sent by the Holy Spirit.
- Faithful worship leads the church to go and send.
- The Spirit is with us as we go.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 13

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 God uses the church to send out His ambassadors. We will pray for hearts that seek to tell others about Jesus as we practice living with boldness as the Spirit leads us.

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Read Acts 13 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- What significant events happened while the church was fasting and praying in Acts 13:1-3? What connection is there to the church fasting and praying and the Holy Spirit moving among them?
- What does Luke mean in Acts 13:4 when he says “being sent out by the Holy Spirit?” What does it mean to be “sent out by the Holy Spirit?”
- In Acts 13:9, what is significant about Paul’s response to the magician? From where did Paul find his boldness?
- Read Acts 13:48-52. What do you notice about the disciples’ reaction to the persecution they face? What part do the church and the Holy Spirit play in this?

Read and meditate on Acts 13 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the truth that God’s people are called and sent by His Spirit. How have you seen the Spirit call and send people through His church?
- Consider how the local church has been a part of sharing the gospel in your community. How has a faithful gathering of people contributed to the gospel spreading in your community?
- Ponder the ways the Spirit has led you to share the gospel with your friends and family. Are there times when you have felt led to share and haven’t?



Pray with your parents this week.

- As you pray ask God to help you faithfully participate with the church in sharing the gospel.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you understand the help you receive from the Spirit.



Memorize Acts 13:3-4 this week.

- Ask your parents or a friend to help.
- Spend time this week writing down ways that you have seen the Spirit help you share the gospel. Make a list of ways that other believers have encouraged you to share the gospel. Consider ways you can be an encouragement to others.
- Meet with your small group leader this week to discuss the people who have gone out from your church on mission. Discuss the places they have gone and how the God has used your church to send out ambassadors.