

FAITH PERSEVERES THROUGH
MANY TRIBULATIONS

BIG TRUTH: FAITH PERSEVERES THROUGH MANY TRIBULATIONS

James 1:2; 1 Peter 1:6; Revelation 14:12; Romans 5:2-5; Deuteronomy 4:30-31

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 14:21-22

“When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- In faith we continue to preach the Gospel in every circumstance.
- In faith we purpose that the advance of the gospel is worth our lives.
- In faith we trust God to work.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 14

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 consider the truth that faith perseveres through tribulations. We will pray for a faith that perseveres as we practice advancing the gospel no matter the cost.

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Read Acts 14 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- In Acts 14:1-2, what significant event took place? What opposition arose because of this event?
- What was Paul's and Barnabas' response to the unbelieving Jews in verse 3?
- Read Acts 14:8-18. Note the events that took place when Paul and Barnabas entered Lystra. What stands out to you in these events?
- Why was Paul stoned in verses 19-23? What was Paul's response to this type of persecution? What was the response of the disciples?
- Read Acts 14:24-28. What is significant about the church gathering to tell all that God had done?

Read and meditate on Acts 14 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder the truth that faith leads us to believe that God is at work even when we do not see Him working. Do you believe this to be true in your daily life?
- Consider the things you value in this life. Do you value the advance of the gospel more than you value your own life?
- Ponder the truth that faith leads us to continue to share the gospel in trials. Do trials cause you to share the gospel more or less?



Pray with your parents this week.

- Ask God to help you persevere when you face opposition.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to help you to purpose that the advance of the gospel is more important than even your life.



Memorize Acts 14:21-22 this week.

- Ask your parents or friends to help you.
- Make a list of things you love about this world and your life. Next to your list of things make a star next to anything that you would die for. Next, consider if you'd give up any of the things for the advance of the gospel. Ponder if it's even on your list. Discuss with your parents what it means to value the spread of the gospel more than you value your own life.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss some of the missionaries that your church supports or has sent out. Discuss the ways they have given up life in the States for the advance of the gospel. Discuss ways that you can die to your life daily and live for the advance of the gospel.