

# THE GOSPEL SPREADS THROUGH OPPOSITION

## **BIG TRUTH: THE GOSPEL SPREADS THROUGH OPPOSITION**

1 Peter 4:12-14; Matthew 21:15-16; Luke 5:30-32; 6:22; Matthew 5:44; 2 Corinthians 12:10

### **BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 4:1-4**

*“And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.”*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- Opposition to the gospel is normal.
- Opposition is an opportunity to make Jesus known.
- Opposition reveals our hope.

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 4:1-22**

### **KNEEL - I AM AN AMBASSADOR**

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshipers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God’s glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

### **SERIES AIMS**



#### **Every student should know that...**

- The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ that brings salvation to sinners.
- Salvation comes by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
- Jesus followers have been trusted with the gospel in order to share it with others.



#### **Every student should feel...**

- Humbled that as believers we have been entrusted with the glorious gospel of our Savior.
- Satisfied in Jesus as the only true Savior



#### **Every student should strive to...**

- Share the gospel each month with at least one person who does not know Jesus.
- Practice sharing the gospel using multiple different tools or methods.



#### **Every student should want...**

- To grow in awareness of the false saviors they are tempted to put their hope in.
- To have a softened heart and love for people who are lost
- To take advantage of opportunities to share the gospel with people in their lives who need Christ

### **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to help our son or daughter become more bold in the face of opposition. We will pray with them to use the power of the Spirit when they face opposition and we will lead them to practice living boldly for Jesus.

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**Read and meditate on Acts 4:1-22 this week.**

- As you read and meditate on this passage, think through ways you can help your child emulate the boldness of Peter and John. How can you model living boldly for Christ for your son or daughter this week?
- Ponder what a life that hopes in Christ alone looks like. How can you help your son or daughter learn what it looks like to hope in Christ alone? How can model sharing the Gospel in the face of opposition to your son or daughter?



**Spend time each morning praying for your son or daughter to have boldness and perseverance in the face of opposition to the Gospel.**

- Ask God to make them brave for His name's sake.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower them to stand firm in the face of opposition to the Gospel.



**Help your son or daughter make a list of people who may or may not be opposed to the Gospel.**

- Help them think through ways to still share the Gospel with these people.
- Memorize Acts 4:1-4 with your son or daughter this week. Spend time going over the verses together with your son or daughter.
- Discuss with your student what it means to live boldly for Christ. Share some of the ways you have been bold in sharing the Gospel and how you use the power of the Spirit to live boldly.