

# FOLLOWING JESUS FAITHFULLY IS COSTLY

## **BIG TRUTH: FOLLOWING JESUS FAITHFULLY IS COSTLY**

John 12:42-43; 15:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:27; Mark 8:35

### **BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 7:59-60**

*“And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- Following Jesus faithfully means making Him known.
- Following Jesus faithfully means denying yourself.
- Following Jesus faithfully means loving and forgiving your enemies.

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 6:8-15; 7:1-60**

### **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 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 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 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 what it looks like to model living faithfully for Jesus to our son or daughter. We will pray with our son or daughter that they might grow in their desire to make Jesus known. We will lead them to practice telling others about Jesus and how they might be saved this week.

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**Read and meditate on Acts 6:8-15 this week.**

- Consider how you might discuss with your son or daughter the faithfulness of Stephen. How can you discuss with them what it means to live faithfully for the Lord? How can you encourage them to tell others about Jesus this week?
- Consider how you can lead your son or daughter to make Jesus known this week. How can you lead your student to deny himself/herself this week so that they might tell others about Jesus? How can you help them grow in their love for Jesus?



**Set aside time to pray for your son or daughter this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom to guide them to grow in their desire to follow Jesus faithfully. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you model what it looks like making Jesus known no matter the sacrifice required to do it.
- Spend time praying with your student this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to help you each live faithfully for Jesus and to make Him known this week.



**Help your son or daughter make a list of their top priorities.**

- Help them think through the things they value and what they love greatly in their lives. Next, help your son or daughter identify if these desires and priorities align with making Jesus known in their daily lives.
- Commit to memorize Acts 7:59-60 with your student this week. Spend time memorizing these verses with them.