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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

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it looks like to follow Jesus faithfully. We will pray for boldness and a willingness to deny ourselves to make Jesus known. We will practice making Him known by telling others about Him.

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Read Acts 6:8-15 this week. As you read and meditate on these verses ask yourself these questions:

- Do you follow Jesus faithfully? What are some things that distract you from following Jesus faithfully? Do you love Jesus and the things He loves more than your own desires?
- How can you become more like Jesus and put on His love for unbelievers this week? Who do you need to love and forgive even though they have wronged you or you consider them an enemy?

Consider what it means to deny yourself. How can you establish the discipline of setting aside your desires each day so that you might tell others about Jesus? How can you make Jesus known by the way you live your life each day?



Choose a time each day to pray this week.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to see the things you love more than Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you deny yourself each day so that you might tell someone about Jesus this week.
- Set aside a time to pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, pray for boldness and a desire to tell others about Jesus.



Commit to memorize Acts 7:59-60 this week by writing the verses in a journal or on an index card.

- Set aside time each day to practice memorizing these verses.
- Make a list of some of the things you find it hard to give up or sacrifice. Choose these things to give up this week. If you find it hard to give up time, make a plan to give more time to prayer and reading your Bible this week.