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1 Timothy 1:5; 1 Corinthians 13:13

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised."

BIG IDEAS

- The cross demonstrates God's love for us.
- This love captures and compels Jesus followers.
- God's love for us creates in us a love for the lost.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

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...

- Jesus is the One True King.
- An ambassador is someone who is a representative of someone else.
- Jesus followers are set apart to live as ambassadors for God in the world.



Every student should feel...

- Deep sorrow and compassion for people around them who do not know Jesus.
- Passionate about the gospel that rescued them out of darkness.



Every student should strive to...

- Learn more about how to live faithfully as an ambassador for Christ.
- Share the gospel with at least one person who does not know Jesus.



Every student should want...

- To look at the world through a gospel lens.
- To live as a faithful minister of reconciliation.
- To orient their thoughts, actions, and conversations around the gospel that saved them.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to love God and to be compelled by His love. We will pray for a greater love for Him and for others. We will practice living out our love by sharing the gospel with someone in our lives this week.

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**Read and meditate on 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 this week.**

- As you meditate on these verses consider what it means that Christ died for all. How can you live this week in the truth that Christ died for you and that should compel you to love others? In what ways can you grow in your love for lost people? Consider how growing in your knowledge of God's love for you helps you grow in your love for lost people?
- Ponder what it means to be compelled by God's love. In what ways is your life controlled by His love? In what ways do you need to be controlled by His love? How can you seek the lost like Jesus' example on the earth?

**Set aside time to pray this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to a greater understanding of God's love for you. Pray that you would be aware of the people and situations that make it hard for you to love and that you would submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit in those situations.
- Pray with your parent or small group leader this week. Pray that you would have opportunities to love like God does by sharing the gospel with your lost friends.

**Think about what it means to be an ambassador.**

- Define the word "ambassador" in a dictionary. Next, make a list of people in your life who are not believers. Write down some next steps you can take with them to show God's love to them. Perhaps you can invite them to your small group, or ask them to hang out. Choose something that is easy to show them love and may give you the chance to share the gospel or have a spiritual conversation with them.
- Discuss with your parent or small group leader the person and activity you've chosen to do this week to show God's love. Discuss some specific things you can say to have a spiritual conversation with the person you've chosen.