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BIG TRUTH: WE SACRIFICE OUR PERSONAL FREEDOMS FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

1 Corinthians 9:20-23; 10:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 21:23-24

"Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow; take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law."

BIG IDEAS

- We have an obligation to live for peace and mutual upbuilding.
- We have an obligation to live for our neighbors' good.
- We have an obligation to live in unity.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 21:17-26; ROMANS 14:1-15:7

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

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it looks like to put the needs of our neighbors before ourselves. We will pray with them to pursue unity in the church as we lead them to seek peace and mutual upbuilding.

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Read Acts 21:17-26 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- What connection can be made between Romans 14:1-15:7 and Acts 21:17-26? How do Paul's actions in Acts 21:17-26 reflect the instructions he gives the Roman believers?
- What did Paul share with the elders of the Jerusalem church? What was their response? What did their response reveal about their heart for all believers?
- What was the issue facing Paul in Jerusalem according to the elders? How did the elders suggest Paul handle the issue? What was Paul's response?
- Why was it important for Paul to put others before himself in Jerusalem?

Read and meditate on Acts 21:17-26 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter what it looks like to put others' needs before your own.
- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter the importance of seeking unity in the church.
- Ponder how to help your son or daughter identify any behaviors that do not promote peace in the body of Christ.



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to lead them to seek peace and mutual upbuilding in the church.
- Meet with your student to pray together. Ask God to help your student identify needs of others and to sacrificially meet those needs.



Memorize Acts 21:23-24 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verses on an index card and review it daily to help your son or daughter learn them.
- Help your son or daughter identify some attitudes that do not promote peace and unity. Talk through what it looks like to give up your own desires and needs to meet the desires and needs of others. Help your son or daughter identify someone they can seek to put before themselves this week.
- Meet with your student to help them find verses that discuss a believer's call to seek peace and keep peace in the body of Christ. Help your student make a list of some of the verses and encourage them to be peace seekers and peacekeepers.