

# WE LAY DOWN OUR LIVES TO PROCLAIM GOSPEL TRUTH

## **BIG TRUTH: WE LAY DOWN OUR LIVES TO PROCLAIM GOSPEL TRUTH**

Mark 8:34-36; 1 John 3:16; Philippians 1:21; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Colossians 1:24; Mark 16:15; Luke 9:60

### **BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 7:56-58**

*“And he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.”*

### **BIG IDEAS**

- We pursue grace and power to speak with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
- We proclaim who God is and what God has done.
- We faithfully follow Jesus until the end no matter the cost.

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 6:8-7:60**

### **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 means to follow Jesus no matter the cost. We will pray with them to follow Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel faithfully as we lead them to tell others about Jesus even if it costs them greatly.

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**Read Acts 6:8-7:60 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal:**

- Make a list of the characteristics of Stephen as described in these verses. What stands out to you the most in this list?
- How does the power and grace of the Spirit help Stephen? What does Luke mention about the wisdom of the Spirit? Why does he mention this?
- What does Stephen's speech reveal about God and what God has done? Why is this important to note? What does this reveal about what Stephen believes about God?

**Read and meditate on Acts 6:8-7:60 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to count the cost of following Jesus. How can you help them count the cost of following Jesus?
- Consider how to help your son or daughter assess their own lives for their willingness to follow Jesus no matter what.
- Ponder how to model for your son or daughter what it looks like to tell others about Jesus no matter the cost to you.



**Pray with your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask God to guide your son or daughter to count the cost of following Him.
- Pray with your student this week. Pray they would follow Jesus faithfully no matter the cost to them.



**Memorize Acts 7:56-58 with your son or daughter this week.**

- Write the verses on an index card and review them daily to help your son or daughter learn them.
- Make a list of things that are difficult for people to give up. Help your son or daughter consider the things they love more than telling others about Jesus. Talk through what it looks like to give up everything, even our lives to tell others about Jesus.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can tell others about Jesus this week. Discuss with your student some of the things that he or she finds difficult to give up and challenge them to give up one of them this week to tell others about Jesus.