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James 1:2; 1 Peter 1:6; Revelation 14:12; Romans 5:2-5; Deuteronomy 4:30-31

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 14:21-22

“When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- In faith we continue to preach the Gospel in every circumstance.
- In faith we purpose that the advance of the gospel is worth our lives.
- In faith we trust God to work.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 14

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 persevere for the advance of the gospel. We will pray with them to die to themselves and live for the gospel. We will lead them to practice trusting that God is working even when they cannot see Him working.

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Read Acts 14 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- Read Acts 14:1-7. Make note of the events in these verses. What action of the disciples led to the unbelieving Jews becoming upset?
- Did Paul and Barnabas stop preaching the gospel when they faced opposition? Why or why not?
- Read Acts 14:8-18. Make note of the events of these verses. What was the result of Paul and Barnabas preaching the gospel?
- Why was Paul stoned? What happened after he was stoned and what does this reveal about his faith? The faith of the disciples?

Read and meditate on Acts 14 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that faith leads us to consider the advancement of the gospel worth our lives.
- Consider how to model for your son or daughter the truth that faith leads us to trust that God is working even when we cannot see Him working.
- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter ways to continue sharing the gospel in trials.



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to give them a heart that trusts God in every circumstance and that desires to spread the gospel no matter what.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to lead them to persevere in every circumstance.



Memorize Acts 14:21-22 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verses on an index card and review them with your son or daughter daily.
- Discuss with your son or daughter what it means to consider the advancement of the gospel worth your life. Share some of the things you've given up for the sake of the gospel. Discuss some of the things your son or daughter should give up so they can better share the gospel.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can grow in their trust that God is at work. Remind them of ways that God has worked in your church and through them.