

PREPARE

Definition: [verb] Make (something) ready for use or consideration. to put things or oneself in readiness



**Life is made of choices.
The one you choose,
you have to live with.**

The third meeting of HOPE strategy is intended to help students recognize the significance of their personal story of faith and learn to tell it well.

When we understand that our story of faith is more about what God has done than our mistakes and poor decisions, we will recognize that every believer has a valuable story.

Each student should complete a Faith Story form (see the Appendix) before speaking at a club meeting. The Coach and PREPARE student leaders should approve each story of faith.

THE TESTIMONY GUIDE SERVES THREE PURPOSES:

1. To help the students outline their thoughts and what they want to communicate.
2. To help the students stay focused on what they intend to say.
3. To let the Campus Coach and Leadership Team know what will be communicated.

The Faith Story form in the Appendix brings clarity to what the students want to communicate and gives them confidence. A copy of the **Faith Story** form should be returned to the students so

they can follow it while they are sharing. This also helps the students know when to end. The Campus Coach and Student Leaders should determine who and how many students share during the club meeting each month depending on the length of each faith story and the amount of club time that month.

PRAY

When the stories of faith are completed, encourage the students to gather into Groups and pray out loud for the friend(s) they will invite to the ENGAGE meeting the next week. Direct them to pray that God would give them an opportunity to invite their friend to the meeting and ENGAGE Jesus Christ as their Lord and Creator. Thank God in advance for what He is going to do.

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:13-16

PREPARE MEETING OUTLINE:

Date:

Team Leader/Welcome

Phone Number

Club Reporter

Phone Number

Greeters

Opening Prayer

Reminders

Student
Testimonies

Closing Prayer

Reminder: Pray for your friends in preparation for ENGAGE week!

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.