

70 Days of Expansion:

THE INSANITY OF GOSPEL ENTREPRENEURS

MARCH OUTREACH GUIDE



Thanks again for joining us in the 70 days of expansion!! We are glad you are taking this journey with us! The joy and privilege I have in leading this organization begins and ends with **your** passion and energy to reach America's students with the Gospel. These 70 Days will give us all some additional intentionality to take our evangelism "game" up a level. That is especially true this month when we spend time specifically focused on Evangelism inside the school. If you are a part of a First Priority club already, you are familiar with the H.O.P.E. plan and (hopefully) implement it every month. If you are not a part of a First Priority club, consider downloading our app (search 'First Priority of America' in your app store) and following along with March's H.O.P.E. weekly Guide.

Whether or not you are already a part of a First Priority club or not, our goal is the same. The difference in **elite** athletes and **great** athletes is only the higher level of focus and discipline in the fundamentals. **The challenge with the 70 Days of Expansion is to be intentional in everything we do and with more passion.** Our passion this month is for the student you sit next to in class and is searching for life, for hope, meaning and purpose. Maybe he/she has an abusive father and nobody knows. Maybe his/her mom yells at everyone everyday before school and he/she is sick of it! Whatever the situation is, your role in this plan is to smile, say hello, be authentic, and ask how they are today. Find someone at the lunchroom who looks sad and isn't sitting by anyone. Don't make assumptions!! Do NOT walk up and say, 'What's wrong!?!?' loudly. He/she may not know what is wrong because life has been that way for a long time. But when you walk up with a smile, a kind tone, and a couple of stories, it may just be the beginning of the rest of their life.

Keep praying every day. As you walk through school praying, listen. Listen for names and opportunities. You will find the right moment and the right person.

Check List

1. Be sure to build your team and get them aligned to the 70 Days of Expansion Plan.
2. Make sure you have read the larger 70 DAYS OF EXPANSION Overview and your team has been lead through it. Get buy-in! Enter the “season” of expansion as a team.
3. February 23 is the start date.
4. May 3 is the finish date.
5. Outline of 70 DAYS:
 - **2 weeks of Prayer and Fasting** - You and your team should stay accountable. -
Feb. 23 - Mar. 8
 - **4 Weeks of Engagement and Evangelism** - You and your team should stay accountable of “actions” taken and professions of faith recorded. **March 9 - March 31**
 - **4 Weeks of Service** - You and your team should prepare for a Day of Service in the month of April as it is National Month of Service. Search your school, ask the administration and teachers and plan a day for ALL Christians at school to impact the school physically. It could be that you have to have more than one day of service to accommodate your school needs. Please let the national office know your plans and promote through social media.
 - **National Day of Prayer - May 3.** We will end our campaign the same way that we began it - in prayer. Schedule a time for all believers at your school to pray together whether it be before school, during lunch, after school or all three! Get together and praise God for who he is, what He has done, and for what he is going to do in you and the people in your school.

**4 Weeks of Engagement and Evangelism -
March Madness
Mark 2
New King James Version (NKJV)**

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately[a] many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

We all know that Jesus was God in human flesh and he had all the power to forgive sin and to heal people. In verse 5, the Bible says, Jesus saw their faith. What was their faith? Well, these 4 friends cared so much for their friend they did whatever was necessary to get him to Jesus. These guys went to great lengths to dig down through the roof and lower their friend down in front of Jesus. They had enough faith that Jesus could heal him. I am sure they thought for a minute that this is **madness** to try and pull this off. I am sure the people that were crowded in the room thought these guys are crazy.

Ok, so here we go. This guy is lowered down in front of Jesus and He says, "your sins are forgiven" What? I am sure these 4 friends and even the paralytic were thinking in their minds, we did not see that one coming. Sins are forgiven, ok great, but I want to walk. Here is the huge message I heard Andy Stanley say about this story and have never forgotten it. "Jesus knew the greatest need for the human race was the forgiveness of sin." Please read that again. The greatest need of the human race is the forgiveness of sin.

There are all kinds of things in life that we need, but there is not one thing that holds a candle to the forgiveness of our sin. You might live to be 100 years old and have a great life and a great family. You might have been a good person by societies standard, but if you never had your sin forgiven you will leave this life and spend an eternity away from God. Good people don't go to Heaven, forgiven people do.

In this time of March madness will you try something crazy. Will you start to pray that God will help you see people the way He does? Will you be crazy enough to think that God will use you to reach your campus for Christ? During this months HOPE cycle, there are some things we challenge you to do to get ready for Engage week.

Week 1. Help: Ask God to help you identify people around you that need to hear the message of forgiveness.

Week 2. Overcome: Write down your friends' names that God helped you identify last week. Tape those names on your bathroom mirror and pray that God would use you to influence them to experience forgiveness.

Week 3: Prepare: Prepare week is the time when we prepare ourselves to be used by God. This is the time it might get scary or even a little crazy. Your job this week is to figure out how you are going to get those friends you care for and have been praying for to next weeks First Priority club meeting so they can hear the gospel.

Week 4: Engage: This week is what we have been praying for. You have identified friends, prayed for your friends, and have figured out a way to get your friends to this club meeting. There are hundreds of clubs around the country that are meeting just like you and sharing the simple gospel to thousands this week. We are praying for 4000 students across America to have their sins forgiven and become a part of the kingdom of God this week.

Ready to get started? Head to your App store and **download the 'First Priority of America' app to get our H.O.P.E. Plan for this month.** If you do not have a First Priority club at your school, it only takes a couple students to get one started. Even if it only lasts the 4 weeks of March 2018, it is worth it if one life is changed for eternity!

GOSPEL PRESENTATION GUIDE

GOD'S LOVE: HIS PURPOSE

God wants to live in relationship with us eternally. God loves you, and He wants you to have an intimate, personal relationship with Him and to walk eternally with Him. His desire is for you to "have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10), and to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5: 22-23). Since God created us for relationship with Him and to have eternal life, why are many not enjoying this experience?

OUR PROBLEM: SIN AND SEPARATION

Everyone sins. Everyone does things that presumably makes them happy when in the end it is something that leaves them feeling empty. As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one" (Romans 3:10-12, 23 NIV). Our sin separates us from God. The price (or consequence) of sin is death.

GOD'S PROVISION: THE CROSS

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem of separation from God. He died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay the penalty for our sins, to completely bridge the gap between God and us. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIV). God has provided the only way, and we must follow that way. Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us not guilty of offending Him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His grace freely takes away our sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

OUR RESPONSE: RECEIVE CHRIST

We can receive Jesus Christ when we believe in who He is and what He has done and trust in Him alone to save us. "For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man become right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation" (Romans 10:9-10, NIV).

HOW TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF CHRIST:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn (repent) from your sins and lifestyle to begin to understand that by living differently, your life will bring John 10:10 and Gal 5:22 to life for you.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave before you began to understand it; it is not what you do but what He has done.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (receive Him as your Savior). This isn't a one-time and done thing; it is a daily process to work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12).

WHAT TO PRAY:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. I believe You died to pay the penalty for my sin. I want to turn from my false belief about who I am (sinful nature) and live my life with You instead. My way of living has left me empty. I invite You to come into my heart and live. In Jesus' name, Amen.