

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about forgiving others, because we have been forgiven. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to share how God’s forgiveness is a part of our story.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read the Prepare Week Exercise.
- Then pass out the **WHICH ONE IS GREATER** handout, and allow students time to write out their story.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media what it means to you to be forgiven.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



SPEAKER

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

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### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### WHICH ONE IS GREATER

#### Begin by asking:

- Revenge or mercy?
- Hate or love?
- Punishment or forgiveness?

First John chapter 1 verse 9 says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

A great way to share your story is to be honest about your own struggles and stories of forgiveness. We all need God’s forgiveness. Use the following questions to share your story in the sheet we are handing out.

1. Describe a time when someone did something wrong to you, and you chose to forgive them.
2. Describe a time when you needed someone to forgive you. Did you ask them to forgive you?  
How did it make you feel?
3. Describe a time when you asked God to forgive you. How did it feel to know you were forgiven by Him?  
Was there a Bible verse that spoke to you about it?
4. What would you say to someone who is not sure if God will forgive them for something they have done?

