

# PREPARE WEEK

## **Prepare Defined:**

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

## **THE GOAL OF PREPARE WEEK:**

The third meeting of the H.O.P.E. 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.

## **The Faith Story guide**

The Faith Story sheet serves three purposes:

1. To help the students outline their thoughts and what they want to communicate.
2. To help the students bring focus to what God has done in their life.
3. To prepare each member of the FP club to have casual conversations about their story of faith.

The Faith Story form brings clarity to what the students want to communicate and gives them confidence. A copy of the Faith Story form should be given to every student member of the club so they can write out their story of faith. Most Christian students have not done this before. By asking them to write out their story, you will bring clarity (for them personally) about what God has done in their life.

Each month, the H.O.P.E. Guide will follow the month's theme. So even though the student will have their keyword faith story done already, the club leadership will ask them to tweak it to follow along with the month's theme.

## **Pray**

After the stories of faith are shared, encourage 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.

## **Coaching Tips:**

- The Coach and Student Leaders should read each story of faith before the presentation in order to help ensure that the student speaker brings glory to God. An easy pitfall in sharing testimony is to glorify the sin/struggle rather than God.
- You can have more than one story per month depending on the length of each story and your allotted club time.
- Be sure everyone knows that it's ENGAGE WEEK next week!