

HELP WEEK

CHOOSE SACRIFICE



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month we will talk about what it looks like to choose sacrifice. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCE SPEAKER: “Today my friend _____ is going to talk about how to live a life of sacrifice and a tool to help you share understand it.”



SPEAKER

PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read Help Week Discussion.
- Then pass out the eFold help tool.
- **HELP TOOL:** eFold



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PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post on social media a short video explaining the eFold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Sacrifice.”

CLOSING PRAYER

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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

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HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” **Hebrews 13:15-16**

EXPLAIN

Sacrifice. There’s no way to sugar-coat it. It hurts. It’s supposed to. Sacrifice isn’t pleasant. It is the act of giving up something you love or value for a greater purpose.

Paul says in Philippians chapter 2 verses 6 through 8 that Jesus, “emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” It’s important to understand what Jesus emptied Himself of. He left the comforts of heaven to come to earth, to take on human form, to die on a cross. He gave up all this, so that He could meet our need for salvation.

We will never be called to make that kind of sacrifice, but let’s look at some sacrifices we can make in response to Jesus’ sacrifice. In Hebrews chapter 13 verses 15 and 16, God tells us what sacrifices please Him, “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” When we bring a “sacrifice of praise,” we choose to believe that, even though life is not going as we think it should, God is still good and can be trusted. When we choose to praise God, despite the storms, He is honored, and our faith grows deeper. Real praise continues, regardless of circumstances.

In verse 16, it tells the other sacrifices that please God: doing good and sharing with others. Instead of focusing on ourselves and our own needs, look for opportunities to pour into other people. Stop living for yourself. The world is full of people who are hurt, lost, and discouraged. You don’t have to save the world, Jesus already did that. But helping others is something He wants us to do. Don’t wait. Take the opportunity to help someone. You won’t regret it, and God won’t forget it - “For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

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APPLY

This week’s Help Tool will help you share Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and how you can choose a relationship with Him. Pass out an eFold to each student and explain what each section means, by following the instructions in the packet.

RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and practice sharing the eFold, before we leave today.

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Choose today to live a life of sacrifice.

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eFOLDS Unfolding the Gospel!

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How to lead someone to Jesus Christ using the eFolds (English)

1) SHOW 'MAN IN SIN' SEPARATED FROM 'GOD'



- This light (point to the right side) represents God.
- God is perfect and without sin.
- God loves us!
- God doesn't want us to perish, but to have everlasting life.
- But our sins must be removed in order to have eternal life with God.
- This figure (point to the left side) represents every person — like you and me.
- The darkness represents our sin.
- Sin is anything that God tells us not to do.
- The Bible says "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23)
- Our sins separate us from God.



- ##### 2) OPEN TO 'CHRIST ON THE CROSS'
- The Bible also says that "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son Jesus, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
 - The Bible says, "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
 - God loved us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to earth as a man.
 - Jesus died on a cross to pay for our sins with His blood. He took our sins in His body on the cross so that we could come to God. (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18).

3) OPEN TO THE 'TOMB'

- Men buried Jesus in a tomb.
- They rolled a huge stone in front of it.
- Soldiers guarded the tomb.



4) OPEN TO 'RISEN CHRIST'



- God sent an angel to roll away the big stone and scare away the soldiers.
- God raised Jesus from the dead!
- Soon afterward, God took Jesus back to Heaven.
- Jesus has paid the price for our sin, and Jesus has conquered death.

5) OPEN TO 'CROSS BRIDGE'



- Jesus is the only way we can come to God.
- Jesus said in the Bible, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father [God] except through Me" (John 14:6)
- Through Jesus, we can be forgiven of all our sins and be with God forever.
- But just knowing about these things is not enough! We must choose to put our faith in Jesus — to trust Him to save us from sin.
- If you do not take the step of trusting in Jesus, then your sins are not removed! (Hebrews 4:2)

6) OPEN TO 'HEAVEN & HELL'



- The Bible says that whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life and is not judged. But whoever does not believe in Jesus has been judged already and the wrath of God remains upon him! (John 3:16, 18, 36).
- The penalty for sin is death, but eternal life through Jesus is a free gift from God.
- What choice will you make?
- Trust in Jesus Christ to be forgiven and have eternal life? (point to 'Heaven')
- Or reject Jesus Christ and suffer eternal punishment in fire? (point to 'hell')

ASK THE QUESTION: Would you like to trust Jesus right now and be saved? (if YES, continue)

(if yes) The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." (Romans 10:9) I can lead us in a prayer to God. Remember, it's not saying the words that saves you; God is looking at your heart for true faith in Jesus. Ready? (if yes) Let's pray:

"God, thank You for loving me. / I confess that I have sinned against You. / I believe that Your Son Jesus / died on a cross / to pay for my sins, and that You raised Jesus from the dead. / I now put my faith only in Jesus / to forgive me / and save me from my sins. / I confess that Jesus is Lord! / Thank you for your gift of eternal life. / I pray in Jesus' name. / Amen"



ASSURANCE OF SALVATION: SHOW 'HEAVEN & HELL'

- If you took that step of trusting in Jesus Christ today, here's what the Bible says about you: "As many as received Jesus, to all who believed in His name, to them He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)
- (Point at the hands) Jesus also says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand." (John 10:27-28)

STEPS FOR FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST!



LOVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:36-40)



STUDY THE BIBLE (GOD'S WORD) DAILY.

Start with the gospel of John; read 1 chapter each day. "Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation..." (1 Peter 2:2)

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word" (Jesus said in John 14:23)



PRAY TO GOD CONSTANTLY.

In prayer you can thank and worship God, ask for His help, confess your sins, and pray for others. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6-7)



MEET REGULARLY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS.

God commands that Christians meet regularly for worship, prayer, Bible study, and helping each other. "...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." (Heb. 10:25)



TELL OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS.

God wants us to tell other people how to have Eternal Life with God by trusting in Jesus to save them from sin. You can use this paper when you talk to others about Jesus! "And He (Jesus) said to them, 'Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to all creation.'" (Mark 16:15)

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