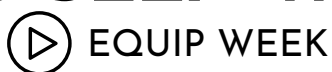


# SELF-WORTH

MONTH 3 OF EPIC PURPOSE

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# EPIC SELF-WORTH <sup>21</sup>



Welcome to First Priority! Let's play a game.



## TEACH

Today is **Equip Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about ways that Jesus embodied **self-worth**. Let's pray before we get started.

Self-worth comes from knowing who God created you to be. This can be hard when you are still learning who you are and planning for your future.

Here is the truth. You were created and designed by God with unique gifts and talents to make a difference in the world. Jesus showed us this by the way that He called people and gave them a purpose or mission. Jesus didn't just call people to follow Him, but He also gave them something to do that would help others. Another way to look at this is to see God as an artist and you as His masterpiece.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Let's look at three main points that Jesus showed us about self-worth:

- Every person is created by God with a purpose.
- Every person is called to make a difference in the world.
- You are God's masterpiece.

Big Idea: You were created by God with a purpose.

*For this section, get into groups of 3-5 and go through the discussion questions, challenge, Bible Project video, and pray together.*



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you have a favorite artist or creator (music, influencing, painting, writing, etc.)?
- What do you find enjoyable and beautiful about the work they create?
- What is your favorite place to visit in nature? Why?
- Talk about something you have created that you are proud of.
- What is your favorite thing about yourself?
- Have you ever felt worthless, hopeless, or broken?
- What do you think God would say about you?
- What hope do you feel God is offering you right now?



### CHALLENGE

Start living with a purpose. Use your unique gifts and talents to help others know that they have value, worth, and meaning to God. Ask what you can do to help them find their God-given purpose.

Scan the QR code below for a short video about how Jesus embodied **self-worth**.



### CLOSE

Invite everyone to pray as we close.

# EPIC SELF-WORTH <sup>23</sup>



## PREPARE WEEK



### WELCOME

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### TEACH

Today is **Prepare Week** where we are sharing our stories about **self-worth**. Let's pray to get started.

Jesus valued people's stories. He helped everyone know the truth about their identity. They are welcome, loved, and accepted unconditionally through Jesus. We want to hear your stories!



### STORY QUESTIONS

- Has someone in your life helped you see your self-worth?
- Do you struggle with being confident in yourself?
- Do you feel as if you have a purpose in life right now?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how difficult is it for you to believe that God loves you and calls you His masterpiece?
- What is one way that Jesus has changed your life?



### CHALLENGE

Now we're going to open up time for everyone to share their stories. Everyone is welcome to share with a leader, friend, or the whole group - so if you would like to, go for it!

Scan this QR code for an app called MySharePal that will help you share your story and ask others questions about their stories.

### CLOSE

Invite everyone to pray as we close.



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## INVITE WEEK



### WELCOME

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### TEACH

Today is **Invite Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about how **self-worth** is Good News. Let's pray before we get started.

We've been talking about being confident in who God has made us to be. This week we're going to talk about how we can help other people see the same thing.

*Ephesians 2:10 says For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Jesus showed us that every person has worth and value because they are created by God. He invited everyone from every walk of life to follow Him. These were not perfect people, but rather people who had made mistakes and experienced brokenness. He showed that every person is worth loving. All people are broken by sin, but through Him all people can be made new and have a relationship with God. This is the beauty of the Good News of Jesus. Broken, imperfect people are forgiven and invited into God's family. You don't have to be perfect to follow Jesus because the Gospel changes everything.

The Gospel is a public, royal announcement about Jesus, Who lived, died, and was raised to life to be the King that we so desperately need. All who believe in Him receive forgiveness, new life, and hope for the future. Jesus is making all things new, setting right what is wrong, and bringing Good News to everyone who receives it. You are invited to believe this Good News and follow Jesus.

*For this section, get into groups of 3-5 and go through the discussion questions, challenge, Bible Project video, and pray together.*



### **Discussion questions**

- Is it difficult for you to see people the way Jesus does?
- Share a positive quality about someone in the room. (Make sure everyone has something nice said about them.)
- Have you ever felt like the outcast or the person no one could love and accept?
- Did you know that God thinks you are worth loving?



### **CHALLENGE**

The challenge this week is to go out and see everyone as a masterpiece who is created by God. Show God's love to others by the way you treat them.

Scan scan this QR code to watch a video about the story of Jesus' Good News.



### **CLOSE**

Invite everyone to pray as we close.

# EPIC SELF-WORTH

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## CONNECT WEEK



### WELCOME

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### TEACH

Today is Connect Week where we are teaching and having conversations about connecting with God and others. Let's pray before we get started.

One of the main road blocks to confidence is fear. All of us experience some kind of fear. Fear that we aren't good enough. That we won't measure up. That others won't accept us. We are often afraid of not getting into the right college, so we aren't confident in our classes. We don't feel as if we are good enough or pretty enough or talented enough, so we try to force our way into groups and friendships that aren't helping us grow closer to God. We are scared of being picked on or bullied for loving Jesus, so we don't talk about Him or share Him with our friends.

Have you ever been through anything like this? Paul encourages us in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."

If we love Jesus and have chosen to follow Him, then we can be confident in the purpose He has for us. We don't have to be ashamed of the Gospel or of being a follower of Christ.

**Give anyone who would like the opportunity to share about upcoming events at their youth group.**

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How can we help you get more connected to Christ?
- How can we help you get more connected to our FP Club?
- How can we help you get more connected to a youth group?



## CHALLENGE

Below is a QR code you can scan to start a YouVersion Bible app plan by First Priority. Today's challenge is to complete this study on your own or with a friend. It is a great way to help a friend who is curious about faith, help a new follower of Jesus take next steps, and help you go deeper in your own faith.



## CLOSE

Does anyone have any prayer requests? Invite everyone to pray for prayer requests to close.