

A group of people are silhouetted against a warm, golden sunset sky. They are standing on a grassy field, and several of them have their arms raised, making peace signs. The overall mood is celebratory and hopeful.

# RELATIONSHIPS

MONTH 5 OF EPIC PURPOSE

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## EQUIP WEEK

### WELCOME

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 **relationships**. Let's pray before we get started.

Relationships can be complicated. While we enjoy many of them, we also experience broken ones. Jesus came with a purpose to restore our broken relationship with God and others.

The Gospels are full of examples of Jesus building relationships with people from all walks of life. He showed us how to live with a purpose of building relationships that bring Good News.

John 4:7-10 says, "Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, Please give me a drink. He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink? Jesus replied, If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

Let's look at three main things Jesus showed us about relationships:

- Jesus came to restore our relationship with God.
- We should go out of our way to build relationships.
- Every relationship is an opportunity to bring the Good News.

Big Idea: Jesus went out of His way to build a Good News relationship.

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



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Could you share a time that someone went out of their way to build a relationship with you?
- Is there a time that you stepped out of your comfort zone and built a relationship?
- Have you ever experienced a broken relationship?
- How do you think Jesus is restoring broken relationships with God and people?



## CHALLENGE

Do a random act of kindness for a stranger this week. Pay for someone's meal, give them a small gift, even do something as simple as complimenting them. Go out of your way to build a relationship that leads to Good News.

Scan the QR code below for a short video about how Jesus embodied **relationships**.



## CLOSE

Invite everyone to pray as we close.

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## PREPARE WEEK

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### TEACH

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

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



### STORY QUESTIONS

- What is the best relationship in your life?
- What has your relationship with God been like?
- What is one thing you wish everyone knew about having a relationship with Jesus?



### 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.

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## INVITE WEEK

## TEACH

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

Did you know that God created you with a purpose? He created you to have a relationship with Him and with others. Sadly, all of us have known what it's like to feel separated from God, such as broken relationship with the Creator of the Universe. The Good News is that God is inviting all of us into a relationship with Him right now. 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.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever experienced a broken relationship?
- Were you able to heal from that or is it still something you struggle with?
- Who is your favorite leader in your life (teacher, mentor, youth leader, etc.)?
- What is your relationship with God like?

**CHALLENGE**

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

**CLOSE**

Invite everyone to pray as we close.

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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.

We're going to look at how Jesus treated His disciples. Jesus loved everyone, but He was especially close to them. They were His best friends and like family to hJm.

Jesus spent time building relationships with His closest followers. He served them, had conversations with them, and called them friends. We would love to help you get connected too!

**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.