## SEPTEMBER 2021

# THIS IS WHAT FIRST PRIORITY IS ALL ABOUT!

MAIN POINT: Our Faith Can Make the Difference

SUPPLIES NEEDED: First Priority Welcome PowerPoint with Mission and Vision, 2 rolls of toilet paper

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-12

#### START UP

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#### WELCOME (4 mins)

**SAY:** Welcome to First Priority. As we kickoff our first meeting, lets share the mission and vision of First Priority.

*Mission* – TO TAKE THE HOPE OF CHRIST TO EVERY STUDENT

*Vision* – To Reach every student at [OUR SCHOOL] with the Gospel.

#### GAME (8 mins) – Toilet Paper Battle Royal

Rip multiple sheets of toilet paper to the same length (5 squares is typically good). Have everyone in the room partner up in groups of 2. Each team member holding opposite ends of the toilet paper only. To win, a team must be the last team with a whole piece of toilet paper. If the paper ripped in half, dropped, or let go the team is out. When you get down to the last few teams, you may have to pause the game and reset the boundaries to a smaller area.

**SAY:** Find a partner and grab one strip of toilet paper. To win, your team must be the last team with a whole piece of toilet paper. If your paper gets ripped in half, dropped, or let go, your team is out.

#### TOOL TIME

**SAY:** What do we do? – Share the Hope of Christ by learning and sharing our faith with our classmates. We have faith that God can do for our friends the amazing things he has done and promises to do for us! Let's start with a story from the Bible to explain what this club is all about. The passage is found in Mark Chapter 2.

#### Read Mark 2:1-4

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.

**SAY:** Did you catch that? 4 guys had a paralyzed friend and they had faith that Jesus could heal him and make him walk. They were so sure about Jesus' ability to heal their paralyzed friend that they dug a hole in the roof so they could lower him right to the feet of Jesus. What happened next is amazing, let's read verse 5.

Read Mark 2:5

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

**SAY:** So wait! Jesus saw THEIR FAITH, and forgave the man's sins? Yes, the faith of the 4 guys was huge in Jesus forgiving the paralyzed man's sins. Because of the faith of these friends, one man's life was changed for all eternity! I know sometimes as we walk the halls, we see people that are really far from Jesus. Maybe they are depressed or struggling with addiction. Maybe they just plain hate God. Well, this paralyzed man was far from Jesus too, and because he was paralyzed, he had no way to get to Jesus by himself. Without the faith of the 4 guys, there was no hope for the paralyzed man to get to Jesus, and without our faith there is little hope for the people in our school to get to Jesus. It is time to band together around our faith in Jesus and bring our classmates to Jesus. That is what we

do here at First Priority. When we bring people the hope of Christ their lives are changed now and forever. Let's read what happens right after Jesus forgives the paralyzed man's sins.

#### Read Mark 2:10-12

So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

**SAY:** Because of the faith of these 4 guys, Jesus solved his eternal problems as well as his immediate problems. The hope of Jesus doesn't just kick in when we get to heaven, the hope of Jesus changes lives NOW and FOREVER. Do you have a faith in Jesus so great that you believe Jesus can change your friend's life the same way he changed yours? This passage shows us that our faith in Jesus can make the difference in everyone at this school. That is why First Priority clubs exist, to gather Christian students on this campus to pray, invite, and tell everyone on our campus about the hope of Christ.

#### DIG IN

**SAY:** Ok, Let's talk more about how First Priority clubs work because we have faith AND we have a plan. Our First Priority club is setup with some great resources for us to have a successful club this school year.

#### EPIC STRATEGY

**SAY:** First, we have discussion guides for every meeting this year. This makes planning and running the meetings much easier, and it makes sure we can give everyone a chance to be a part of leading some part of the club. Each month we go through a cycle of 4 different types of meetings. We call it the EPIC strategy. EPIC stands for Equip, Prepare, Invite and Connect. During Equip Week, we learn the Gospel and how to share it. During Prepare Week, we grow in our faith and prepare for a big party the following week. Invite Week should be a big party with food and fun so we can invite our friends to hear the Gospel message. The final week is Connect Week when we spend time making sure we connect to God, the club, and the local church. Every 4 weeks we go through the EPIC cycle again, but with all new content each month.

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#### MEETING AGENDA

**SAY:** Every meeting has a very similar agenda. We will always START-UP the club with a welcome time, prayer, and a game. Then we will have TOOL TIME and look at God's word for direction and understanding. Finally, each week we will DIG IN to finish our meeting, following through on what we learned on Invite Week, digging in to some food!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 min)

Take a minute to announce the upcoming meeting date and anything else the members of the club need to know to be ready for the next meeting or event.

#### **CLOSING**

**SAY:** I know today we have talked about all the things we are going to do this year in our club. I know I am excited and I hope you are too. The good news is that we have so many tools at our disposal that we can focus on the part we can do, which is to take the hope of Christ to every student in our school. Let's pray.





# PREPARE WEEK (1)

# SEPTEMBER 2021

# **COME AND SEE**

MAIN POINT: Jesus Has Called Us To Invite Our Friends To "Come And See" Him!

SUPPLIES NEEDED: First Priority Welcome PowerPoint, small prize, Equip Week video

#### SCRIPTURE: John 1:35-49

#### START UP

#### WELCOME (4 mins)

**SAY:** Welcome to our first Prepare Week of the year! Today we are going to look at what Jesus said about inviting others to follow Him! We will also pray for specific friends and plan our first Invite Week of the year to make it successful!

*Introduce the student leaders, campus coach, and teacher sponsor.* 

*Time permitting: Go around the room having each student share their name, what church they attend (if any), and their favorite type of candy.* 

#### GAME (8 mins) – Head, Shoulders, Knees and Cups

There should be one person as the game host. Make sure it is a person with a louder voice. Have everyone in the room gather in groups of 2, facing each other with a cup on the ground at an equal distance between them. Then, the game host calls out the place you must touch on our own body in any random order (ie Head, Shoulders, Knees). When the game host says "Cup," both players grab for the cup. The first to grab it wins and the other person takes a seat. Start the next round by pairing up all the people that won and play again. Continue until there is a winner. The winner will win a prize!

*Play one practice round just for people to get the hang of it. Make sure to tell the losers to sit down, and the winner to find a new opponent. Continue until there is one winner.* 

**SAY:** While some of us are faster than others, and some of us listen better than others, the game is pretty simple. Listen to the game leader and do what they say. The better

you follow the leader's directions, the better chance you have of winning the game. The same is true for following Jesus in every aspect of our lives. We need to follow Jesus by listening to what He said and doing the things He did. Today we are going to see the first words Jesus said to the men that would become His disciples and follow Him.

#### TOOL TIME

**SAY:** Sometimes we find it is hard to share Jesus with our friends at school. Maybe we feel unprepared, maybe we feel like we don't know enough scripture, or maybe we feel like it's just too hard. Why do you think it is difficult to tell others about Jesus?

#### Take a few moments to allow people to share their answers.

**SAY:** There are a lot of reasons we feel it is hard to share Jesus with our classmates. Before we come up with an answer to how we should share, let's read what Jesus and his disciples did to start sharing with others. Hopefully, by learning what Jesus and the disciples did, we will have success sharing with our friends. In John Chapter 1, we read about Jesus gathering up his disciples. The first 2 disciples to follow Jesus were already looking for the Messiah, basically God coming to Earth to save His people as the Old Testament scriptures explained. When they heard Jesus might be the Messiah, they started to trail Him to see if it was true. Let's read John 1:38-39 to see what happened next.

#### READ: John 1:38-39

Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come and

see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

**SAY:** So, 2 guys that were seeking God had a question about who Jesus was, and Jesus told them to "Come and See." Do you have any Christian friends that might be trying to understand more about God, but have questions? Well, if we are going to follow our leaders' action, we should tell them to "Come and See" what is happening at the First Priority club and ultimately our church. This story isn't over, though. One of these disciples named Andrew got his questions answered, then went and found his brother Simon. Simon was not actively looking for the Messiah like his brother; instead, he was busy doing other things. Maybe he was fishing, maybe he was doing his homework, we don't know from this passage. However, what we do know is that Andrew told Simon to "Come and See" Jesus, and then this happened.

#### READ: John 1:42

Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter").

**SAY:** Andrew told his brother to "Come and See," and Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. Maybe there is a friend or classmate that you know is cool with the things of God, but is better known as an athlete, a genius, or maybe the class clown. When these friends "Come and See," God can change them to be known as so much more, specifically a follower of Jesus. We just need to make sure and use the simple phrase Jesus used: "Come and See."

There is one final part to this story with 2 more friends, Philip and Nathanael. Jesus sees Philip when he is walking by and basically tells Philip to come and follow. Before Philip joins Jesus, he goes to his skeptical friend Nathanael and tries to get him to follow Jesus, too.

#### READ: John 1:45-49

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets

wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity." "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!"

**SAY:** Nathanael was a skeptic. Even though his friend told him the truth, he thought it was crazy. Do you know any classmates that think being a Christian or even just believing in God is just crazy? Well, how did Philip answer Nathanael's skepticism? He told him to "Come and See." Once Nathanael did "Come and See," he met Jesus and fully believed. We see that Jesus and his disciples started the conversation by using 3 simple words. Do you think it is hard to do what Jesus and the disciples did when inviting people to follow God? Ok, let's see if we can do it!

If someone asks, "What do you guys do at First Priority?" What would you say? "Come and See."

If someone asks, "What kind of pizza are you having?" What would you say? "Come and See."

If someone asks, "What do you believe about evolution?" What would you say? "Come and See."

To almost every question people might have, there is a simple answer: "Come and See"



#### DIG IN

### **INVITE PRAYER TIME (5 mins)**

Hand out the prayer cards and have the students list five names of school friends that they know are not Christians.

PREPARE

**SAY:** Fill out these cards with the names of friends who you are going to ask to "Come and See" at our next Invite week. Pray that God will give you the boldness and opportunity to ask your friends. We are going to spend a few minutes praying for these friends and that they would come to Invite Week to hear the GOSPEL and that the Lord would work on their hearts and reveal Himself to them!

Take a couple minutes to allow the students to pray for their friends.

#### PLANNING TIME (8 mins)

**SAY:** If we fail to plan, then we plan to fail! What are some things we can do to make next week's Invite Week the most effective it can be? Remember we want to invite our friends to "Come and See" Jesus!

#### Let students share a few ideas.

**SAY:** It is important to invite our friends to come out next week to hear the GOSPEL! We will have a party with food and games for them to enjoy. During the party, [SPEAKER'S NAME] will share the GOSPEL in a clear way and give your friends the opportunity to make a decision to follow Jesus!

We want to get some volunteers to help out over the next few weeks with the next Equip, Prepare, Invite, and Connect weeks! Who is willing to help?

Use the First Priority app to fill out the information for each of the next 4 meetings. Make sure everyone signs up in the app as a student leader that is going to be added for a task.

Prepare the team for next week's Invite Week. Share ideas on how to make the next meeting special. Don't forget to put posters up and submit an announcement to be made over the pa/tv. (The teacher sponsor can help with this.)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (2 mins)

#### Display announcement slides

**SAY:** We have free First Priority Bibles available. If you need a Bible, please take one as our gift before you leave. We have a lot of different church options. If you don't have a home church, check out the ones here on the screen. If you don't see your church listed, let me know. We will see you next week at Invite Week! Don't forget to invite a friend!



# **INVITE** WEEK (1)

## SEPTEMBER 2021

# **INVITE OUR FRIENDS TO HEAR THE GOSPEL**

MAIN POINT: God Wants a Relationship with you NOW...FOREVER

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** First Priority Welcome PowerPoint with Mission and Vision, prepared Gospel presentation by a student, guest speaker or video, toilet paper or aluminum foil. For this Gospel presentation: large clear bottle with water (God), clear empty jar (people), small container with iodine and water mixed (Sin), bottle of hand sanitizer with water only inside (good works), medium sized opaque bottle with bleach and water mixture (Jesus)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-12

#### START UP

#### WELCOME (4 mins)

**SAY:** Welcome to First Priority. As we kickoff our meeting, lets share the mission and vision of First Priority

Mission - To take the Hope of Christ to every student

*Vision* – To Reach every student at [OUR SCHOOL] with the Gospel.

### **PRAYER TIME**

#### GAME (8 mins) – Mummy Warrior

Have people get in groups of 3 and choose one person to be the Warrior. Time the groups with a 1–3-minute timer to wrap the Warrior with toilet Paper. Once the timer is up, have the Warriors battle by ripping the toilet paper off each other. The last one with toilet paper is the winning team. Note: you can use aluminum foil in place of the toilet paper.

#### TOOL TIME

This Gospel presentation is offered as an option if you don't have someone ready to share the Gospel just yet. You use the video version in the club of use it as a teaching guide.

#### Video Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/xEez8brJADk">https://youtu.be/xEez8brJADk</a>

**SAY:** The Bible is God's Words to US. There are Stories, Songs, Quotations, Proverbs, and Prophecies. Throughout the entire Bible, GOD is always trying to start or continue a relationship with us humans. He wants a relationship with every human, and that includes you.

God Wants a Relationship with you NOW...FOREVER.

You see, the Bible starts with "In the beginning, God..." Imagine that large bottle of water is God, and this smaller jar is you. The Bible says God created all things. The earth, the sky, the animals...the whole universe. Then He created us too, but the Bible says He created us in His image. It was like God poured out some of Himself into every one of us. While these two jars are not the same, I can pour the liquids between them, back and forth, and you would never be able to tell what liquid came from what bottle. We were made to mix it up with God...To have relationship with Him. But before too long, we decided we wanted a little more control over our own lives. We didn't want to trust God to guide us, we wanted to make decisions for ourselves. So, we disobeyed God and sinned. (pour in the sin liquid)

The Bible tells us that God is perfect and He cannot and will not mix with sin. So, because of our sin, we could no longer have a relationship with God. Sin separates us from God.

(Illustration to help people to see that they actually have even though they they think they are pretty good. VIDEO: Mind Reading Tech Illustration)

- SAY: What if I called your parents right now to look under your bed, check your internet history, or maybe look at the pictures you've looked at, or maybe the ones you've sent?
  - What if your friend heard what you said about them behind their back when you were angry?
  - We all know we have sinned. It is like putting all your deeds on a projector. When we sin against God and others, we cannot be in relationship with them.

We turn our back on God, and his desire to have a relationship with us NOW...FOREVER.

Sin cannot be removed by good deeds, like Magic Marker.

(Try to remove sins with good deeds bottle)

SAY: The Bible says in Isaiah 64:6 that "...all our righteous acts are like ilthy rags;"

And what makes this permanent mark even worse is that the Bible tells us, in Romans 3:23, that the consequence, the reward, for our sin is DEATH.

So, we all have sinned, it cannot be erased, and we deserve death. WOW, that's so bad.

God doesn't like this...HE HATES how sin destroys us and give us no hope. God wants a Relationship with you NOW... FOREVER, and our sin has destroyed that ability and there is nothing we can do about it...

#### So, He came up with a plan: Jesus

Jesus, God in the human form, came down to earth. He was born as a baby, just like me and you. He grew up and dealt with all the problems that we have. The big difference is that He never sinned. Instead, the Bible tells us HE GAVE HIS LIFE as a trade for ours. You and I sin, and we deserve...death, right? Jesus lived the same life as us but never sinned, so He deserves what?...Life, right. So, God, through Jesus, engineered the worst trade ever for you... Let me explain

(Killer lunch, whole Pizza Illustration – Watch on Video)

SAY: Jesus died for us and paid the price for our sins.

(Hold up the Jesus bottle and explain)

**SAY:** Romans 5:8 says *"BUT, God demonstrated his own love for us in this, while we were still sinners Christ died for us."* 

God allowed His own son to die and MADE A WAY for HIM to have a relationship with you NOW...FOREVER...by doing the worst trade in history!

But like I said, about the Pizza, you must give up your lunch to receive the Pizza. God says you need to give up trusting in yourself, and trust in him. Everyone who TRUSTS in Jesus alone will have a restored relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins and have eternal life.

(put the cap back on)

**SAY:** TRUST is kind of like the jar cap. We want to keep control of our own life; we keep it closed. It needs to be open to receive the gift.

(Pour in the liquid from the Jesus bottle)

**SAY:** John 3:16 says *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* 

John 14:6 says *"I am the Way the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the father except through me."* 

When you ask for forgiveness, for sinning against God, He always forgives, because God Wants a Relationship with you NOW...FOREVER. Life with Jesus starts when you trust in Him and then it lasts forever. Jesus died for all your sins: from your birth to your death, they are all forgiven.

#### (Pour more sins in water)

**SAY:** In John 10:28, we read *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."* 

God Wants a Relationship with you NOW...FOREVER

Everyone please close your eyes and put you head down for a minute as we get ready to pray

Today if you want to start trusting in Jesus would you look up at me for just a second? I am going to help you talk to God and tell Him. I will give you some words, but they are not some mystical or magical words, but words you can use to tell God from your heart to His that you want to trust in Him. Ok, let us pray together. Dear God, thank you for loving me and wanting a relationship with me now and forever. Please forgive me of my sins. Jesus, I believe you died for me, then rose again, and I commit my life to you from this day forward. Amen.

For all you who decided to follow Jesus today, know that God has sent his spirit to live in you from this day forward. AND, right now in Heaven, there is a party happening, celebrating every one of you who is now a child of GOD. So, we are going to have a smaller version of that party too with all this food.

#### DIG IN

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)**

Take a minute to announce the upcoming meeting date and anything else the members of the club need to know to be ready for the next meeting or event.

#### CLOSING

Eat food, play music, and end with celebration!





# CONNECT WEEK (1)

## SEPTEMBER 2021

# **I FOLLOW JESUS! NOW WHAT?**

MAIN POINT: We follow Jesus by doing the basics: Reading the Bible, Praying, and Going to Church

PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME: Have First Priority Bible to read from and give out

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 1:8, Hebrews 10:24-25, Jeremiah 29:12-13

#### START UP

#### WELCOME\* (2 mins)

**SAY:** Welcome to our first Connect Week of the year! It is the final week in the EPIC First Priority strategy! Today is all about connecting to God, this club, and to the local Church.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Take a minute to open the meeting in Prayer.

#### GAME (10 min) – Land and Water

Find or make a clear line on the floor that is long enough for everyone to stand next to and spread out about arm's length. Designate one side of the line "Land" and the other side "Water". One person must be designated as the DIRECTOR. The Director calls out "Land" or "Water" and everybody playing needs to hop with both feet to the area directed. If a person crosses into the "Land" or "Water" by mistake or has one foot in the "Land" and one foot in the "Water," they are out of the game. The game continues until only one person remains. The director should change the tempo, call out the same side more than once in row, use other words, etc. to get people to cross the line. (For larger groups, stop the game with the last 2-4 people and have them share their name to the crowd and get peopleto cheer for their favorite to win

#### TOOL TIME

**SAY:** Everyone, grab a First Priority Bible and turn to the section in the very back that starts with "Why read the Bible?" (labeled page 15 in the bottom outside corner.) We just played a game where you had to follow directions, and for some of us, it only took a few minutes and we already messed up.

Sometimes living for Jesus is like what happened in this game: we try to follow the direction of God, but we make mistakes. Of course, if you are focused on what God is telling you to do, then following Jesus is going to be very hard. God is good and has given us clear directions on how to focus on following Jesus. There are 3 basic things that God calls you to do: Listen to God, Talk to God, and Spend time with Christians, or said another way Read Your Bible, Pray, and go to Church. The devotional guide at the back of your First Priority Bible takes an in depth look at each one of these three things God call us to do to follow Him. Today, we will talk about them briefly, so make sure to continue the study on your own in the coming weeks.

Let's get started with the number one thing we do when we follow Jesus, Listen to God by Reading Your Bible.

#### READ: Joshua 1:8

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do."

**SAY:** While God can speak in different ways, the primary way He speaks to all of His followers is through the Bible. The Bible is full of not only useful information for living this life, but it explains who God is and what He does. It helps us understand the spiritual world around us, and even gives us a glimpse into the future. God gave us His Word as an act of Love, allowing us to know Him and to prosper in His creation.

For many of us, the Bible may seem too long to read or maybe too hard to understand, however, if we want to follow God and have a relationship with Him, we need to hear from Him. That is why this verse says to "meditate on it day and night," which basically means to read and think about it all day long.

ASK: When was the last time you read and thought about the Bible all day long? When was the last time you read the Bible at all?

**SAY:** I think we could all agree that we probably need to listen to God more by reading the Bible. So, the first step in following Jesus is to read the Bible. The second thing we do to follow Jesus is to Talk to God by Praying.

#### **READ:** Jeremiah 29:12-13.

"In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."

**SAY:** God tells us that He is ready to listen to us. Not only that, but He tells us if we look for Him, we will find Him. Think about it: the God who created you, me, and this entire universe is ready to listen to you. That is awesome! God has spoken to you through pages and pages of the Bible. The question is, how much do you think God wants to hear from us? God sees prayer as a necessary part of your relationship with Him. Imagine you have a best friend that you tell everything about your life. While they seem to listen, they never, ever talk back or tell you anything about themselves. How long are they going to be your best friend? I know, not long! Prayer is the way we talk back to God, so we can strengthen our relationship with Him. While He may know everything about you, God wants to hear it from you, and He tells us He is ready to listen.

# ASK: How Often do you talk to God, Pray? Does anything change when you do?

**SAY:** So, reading the Bible and praying are two important steps in following Jesus. It helps us solidify our relationship with Him. The third step is Going to Church.

#### **READ:** Hebrews 10:24-25

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another,

#### especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

SAY: Church is the place where Christians meet and encourage each other to do what is right. At Church, we learn together, worship together, serve together, and grow together. The world is a tough place to live for Jesus and do what is right, especially when we are doing it alone. Many people around us every day at school, at home, and in our neighborhoods don't care to follow Jesus and they may think we are crazy because we do follow Him. When we go to Church, it is different. We are surround by others who understand the difficulties, and we encourage each other to continue to follow Jesus and do what is right. Most of us don't like to be alone, even when it is fun. We don't like to eat lunch alone, go to the beach alone, or face difficult circumstances alone. While the Bible tells us that God will never leave you alone. He also has made the Church, so you have other people to encourage you to live for Jesus every day. That is why it is so important to go to Church.

ASK: What church do you go to? How often do you go?

-If you don't attend a church regularly, do you have a friend here you can join this week to start going to church?

**SAY:** So just to recap, if you follow Jesus there are 3 basic things that God calls you to do: Listen to God, Talk to God, and Spend time with Christians, OR said another way: Read Your Bible, Pray, and go to Church.



#### DIG IN

### **NEW BELIEVER MOMENT (3 mins)**

**SAY:** Is there anyone here today that decided for the first time to follow Jesus last week at Invite Week? If you would like to share about why you made that decision, we would love to hear from you today! But we understand if that's scary and you don't want to stand up here and share yet.

(Give a moment for new believers to share if they are willing.)

**SAY:** If you decided to follow Jesus and you didn't get a chance to share, or didn't want to quite yet, make sure you see a student leader after club today. Also, make sure you get a First Priority Bible!

(Have student leaders identify themselves.)

### CONNECT TO CLUB\* (8 mins)

**SAY:** It's important to keep coming back to club throughout the school year and we are looking for volunteers to help be a part of our leadership team! If you are interested in being part of that team of leaders, please see me after club toda y! Also, if you are going to be part of the club this year, please fill out a membership form to become an official member of the First Priority Club here at [SCHOOL NAME]. We are so excited to welcome anyone of you to be a member! If you're not sure you want to be a member yet, that's ok too! Just keep coming and enjoy these times with us!

(Pass out membership cards to those students who want them.)

**SAY:** Also, If you don't have a Bible we would love to give you one of the First Priority Bibles!

(Hand out FP Bibles to anyone who needs one.)

#### CLUB SELFIE\* (2 mins)

SAY: Let's take a club selfie!

(Get the whole group together and take a selfie. Post it to social media with the hashtag #FPClubSelfie )

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (2 mins)

(Display announcement slides)

**SAY:** We have lots of different church options. If you don't have a home church, check out the ones here on the screen. If you don't see your church listed, let me know. We will see you next week at Equip Week! We are excited to have you join us as we discuss the question of "What is Truth?" Be sure to be there... and feel free to invite some friends!

(Make any local club announcements.)

CONNECT