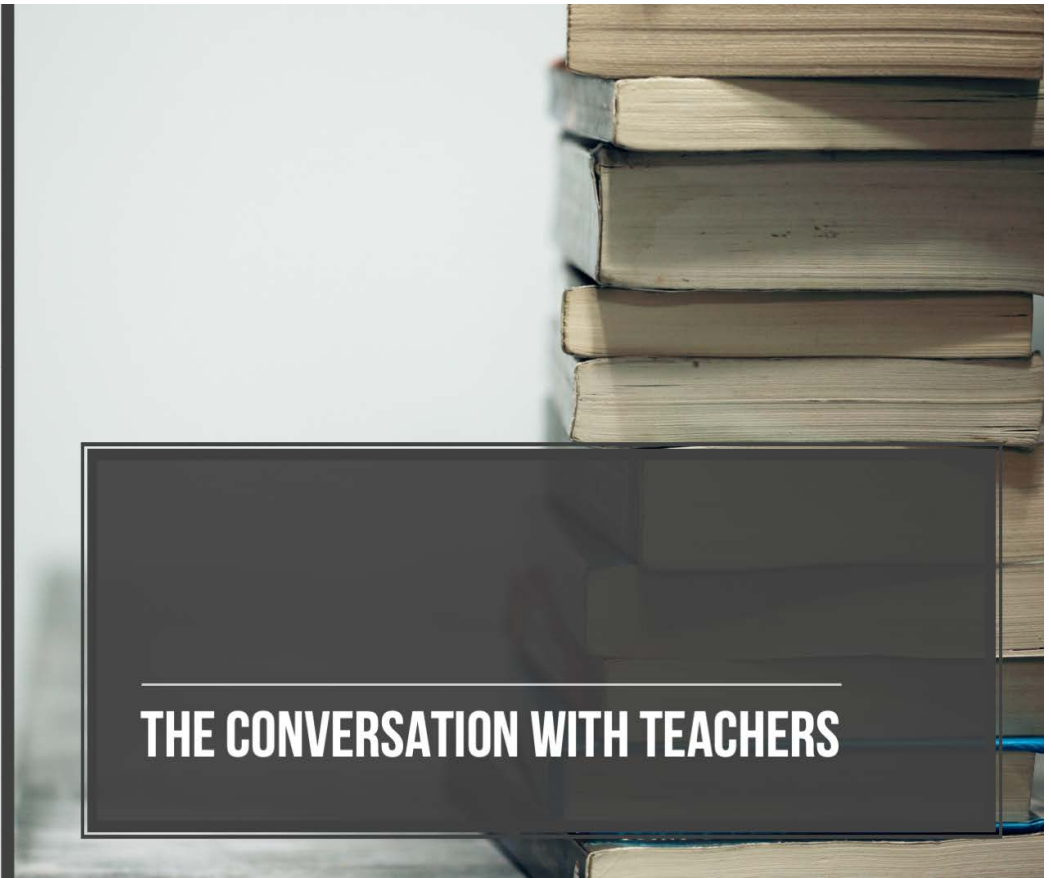
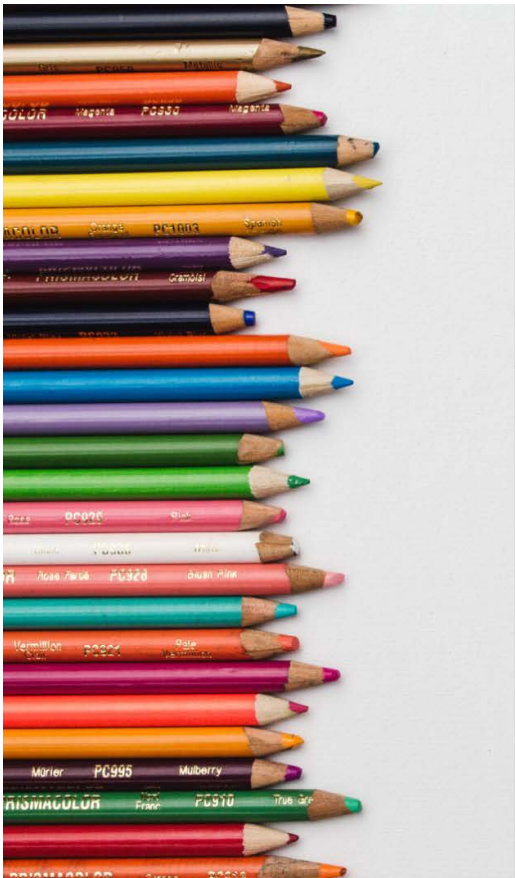




# HOPE WEEKLY



THE CONVERSATION WITH TEACHERS

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# HELP WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH TEACHERS”



## Help Week

Helping each other believe and share the Gospel story.

Practice being with Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and a practical way to believe and share the Gospel in everyday life.



**Promo:**  
Remember to invite people.



**Welcome:**  
Remember to create a welcoming environment.



## Host

“Welcome to First Priority, we are glad you are here! This week is Help Week and our goal is to use scripture and a tool to help us share our faith. Let’s start things off with prayer.”



Pray

**Introduce Speaker:** We are glad you are here! Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about how to show our teachers the Gospel through acts of kindness.



## Speaker



**Help Tool: Thank You Letter**

Practice the Help Tool before the club and **pass out the Thank You Letter Handout** to everyone who comes in. The Gospel discussion and Help Tool are designed to give you a basic understanding to believe, live, and share the Gospel.



## Gospel Discussion

“The Conversation with Teachers”



## Host



**Announcements**

Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now who you can invite to join you as we continue this conversation.



Pray



## Follow-Up

Be available to talk or pray with people.  
Ask how you can walk with them on their Jesus journey.



## Leader Tip

Failing to plan is planning to fail.



## Gospel Discussion

### “The Conversation with Teachers”



#### Highlight Scripture

##### 1 Timothy 2:1-6

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”



#### Explain (give context)

A kind word goes a long way. I think all of us would rather hear someone say "thank you" than to hear them speak words of discouragement. Sometimes, I forget about the people who give a lot of their time to help me succeed. People like our teachers. Paul, a follower of Jesus, wrote a letter to someone who he taught to follow Jesus named Timothy. In his letter to Timothy, he encouraged him to pray and be thankful for people who were in positions of authority in the world. He even said that this is pleasing to God! But why? He says this pleases God because He desires that all people would know about the truth of Jesus. The true story of how He gave His life that every person could have a relationship with God now and forever. When you think about "all people" receiving the hope of Jesus, do you think of your teachers? Paul did! This conversation does not have to be awkward. It can begin with two simple words - thank you. Just like Paul encouraged Timothy to pray and be thankful for those in authority, we should take time today to pray and be thankful for our teachers.



#### Apply

Today we are going to practice the way of Jesus by praying for our teachers and writing a “Thank You Letter” of appreciation to them. This act of kindness and appreciation could be your way of sharing the Gospel in word and deed.



#### Respond (Groups of 3-5)

Begin writing your "Thank you letters" and talk about ways you can appreciate your teachers. Create space and time to pray for your teachers, write your letters, and ask God to give you confidence to begin a conversation with a teacher.



#### Bottom Line

God wants all people to know the true story of the Gospel.



#### Disciple Tip

Practice being with Jesus by setting aside time to read the Gospels.



# OVERCOME WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH TEACHERS”



## Overcome Week

Overcoming your fear of sharing the Gospel story.

### Practice becoming like Jesus

by letting Him transform you from the inside out.



### Promo:

Remember to invite people.



### Welcome:

Remember to create a welcoming environment.



## Host

Welcome to First Priority! Today is Overcome Week. Our goal is to learn how to overcome things that keep us from believing and sharing the Gospel in everyday life.



Pray



**Game** Choose a game or funny video to play for 3-5 minutes to get people laughing and talking.

**Say something like:** We are glad you are here! Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about how we can overcome fears of having a conversation with Teachers.



## Speaker

### Gospel Discussion

“Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with Teachers”



## Host



### Announcements

Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now who you can invite to join you as we continue this conversation.



Pray



## Follow-Up

Be available to talk or pray with people. Ask how you can walk with them on their Jesus journey.



### Leader Tip

Go out of your way to make your club environment better.



## Gospel Discussion

### "Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with Teachers"



#### Highlight Scripture

#### 1 Peter 3:14-15a

"But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you..."



#### Explain (Give context)

It may seem to you like your teachers, school administrators and staff are not real people with real lives, but they also need to hear the truth of the Gospel. They are very limited in what they can share with you about their religious views, but you are not limited in what you can share with them. You can make your views the subject of a school project if it meets the requirements of the assignment. You can bring your Bible to school and share the Gospel as long as you aren't interrupting instructional time. You are free to show and share the love of God!

Some of your teachers may already know God. Some may not. Regardless, even students can be a light for Christ anywhere, and that includes standing up for truth and showing sincere love toward your school faculty. Just because you are at school does not mean you have to leave your faith at home.

Did you know that you can also invite your teacher to First Priority? If you or another student is sharing their testimony or the Gospel, it is a great opportunity for them to hear the Truth while they are supporting you. Believe it or not, there are many teachers who have accepted Christ because they attended a Christian club and heard the Good News!



#### Apply

Do your teachers know what you believe? Have you ever explained it to them? Even teachers are humans and humans in need of truth. Maybe a good place to start is to ask your teacher, "How can I pray for you?"



#### Respond (Groups of 3-5)

Here is an example of how you could start a conversation with a teacher:

"Hi, Mr. or Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, I was wondering how I can pray for you. I see how hard you work and I know it must be challenging as a teacher and so I wanted to ask. I believe that prayer helps people because I know God has helped me through many things when I've prayed."



#### Bottom Line

Our actions are one way that we preach the Gospel to our teachers.



#### Disciple Tip

Disciple making is about leaving our comfort zone to take the Gospel to others.



# PREPARE WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH TEACHERS”



## Prepare Week

Preparing your story of receiving the Gospel.

Understand the value of your faith story and **practice** sharing it.



### Promo:

Remember to invite people.



### Welcome:

Remember to create a welcoming environment.



## Host

"Welcome to First Priority, we are glad you are here! This week is Prepare Week, so our goal is to hear faith stories about how others came to know Christ and get insight about how we tell our own story. I would love to invite you to join us to kick things off in prayer."



Pray

## StoryBrand Stories

Today we are going to use the StoryBrand method of sharing our story. StoryBrand is an organization that helps businesses simplify and clarify their story for maximum impact. We are going to pass out sheets to work on clarifying and simplifying our story. If there is time, a few people can share. This is also a great way to share with our teachers how we put our story together using StoryBrand.

(See handout for instructions.)



A Character

Your name:



With a Problem

Name a struggle in your life:



Meets a Guide

Who introduced you to Jesus?



## Announcements

Thank you everyone for being here today! Next week is Engage Week so invite as many people as you can to come and hear the Good News of Jesus.



Pray



## Follow-Up

Be available to talk or pray with people.  
Ask how you can walk with them on their Jesus journey.



## Leader Tip

Some of the most powerful words are “tell me a story”. Use yours to build relationships.





## A Character

Your name:



## With a Problem

Name a struggle in your life:



## Meets a Guide

Who introduced you to Jesus?



## Who Gives Them a Plan

How does following Jesus help you with the struggle you named?



## And Calls Them to Action

What is one thing that you think God is calling you to do right now?



## That Results in Success

How do you think following Jesus will change your life in the future?



## Or Failure

What do you think would happen if you decided to no longer follow Jesus?

# ENGAGE WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH TEACHERS”



## Engage Week

Engage your school with the Gospel story.

**Do what Jesus did** by sharing the Gospel story with your friends through words and actions.



### Promo:

Remember to invite people.



### Welcome:

Remember to create a welcoming environment.



## Host

"Welcome to First Priority, we are glad you joined us! Today we are going to start off with a game to get to know each other better.



## Game

Choose a game or funny video to play for 3-5 minutes to get people laughing and talking.

**Say something like:** "Today, my friend, \_\_\_\_\_, is going to share something that is very important to them. Please listen respectfully as it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of others. You all were given a "student response card" that looks like this (hold up a sample card) when you came in. Hold on to it and we will explain what it is for later."



## Speaker



## Gospel Discussion

“The Story”



## Host

### Invitation Options

**1. Response Cards:** If everyone would take a minute and think about what was shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus today, then on your response card, simply check that box. Let us know so that we can connect with you and answer any questions you may have. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box and we would love to connect with you.

**2. Talk/Pray with Someone:** If you would like to talk to a Student Leader or have them pray with you, they would be glad to! Just catch one of them before you leave and let them know what impacted you today and how they can pray for you.



## Announcements

Next week is Help Week! Start thinking now who you can invite to join you as we continue this conversation.



## Pray



## Follow-Up

Be available to talk or pray with people.  
Ask how you can walk with them on their Jesus journey.



## Leader Tip

Be intentional with the invitation and response cards as it is a key way to connect with others.





### **A Character**

Jesus. The Savior of the world. The Son of God. The perfect human. Jesus came to Earth to show us what it means to have a life full of meaning, purpose, and worth.



### **With a Problem**

Jesus had infinite love for us, humans. He saw that our lives are broken by sin. That every human has experienced guilt, fear, shame, regret, and brokenness. Rather than let us live in that condition, He wanted to rescue us.



### **Meets a Guide**

Jesus was fully God and fully man. Although, as a man, He completely trusted the power of the Holy Spirit and God the Father to redeem humanity.



### **Who Gives Them a Plan**

God's plan has always been to save us from our sins, failures, mistakes, and intentional acts of disobedience. God desires good for the world, not evil. His plan is to restore the world to peace and harmony so that all people can experience love, forgiveness, and peace.



### **And Calls Them to Action**

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic sacrifice. There was an evil plan to falsely accuse Jesus and murder Him. Jesus did not retaliate, but rather gave His life as a sacrifice so we could belong and be restored to God's family.



### **That Results in Success**

The death of Jesus is not the end of the story. Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of God. Because Jesus is alive, He is making everything new. Including you and me.



### **Or Failure**

Like me, all of you have experienced guilt, fear, shame, pride, and a sense that you don't belong. There is Good News! By trusting in Jesus, you can have new life in God's family. A life full of peace, love, and a place to belong.

### **Time to Respond**

Pray: God, I know that I have made mistakes and failed to be the person that I want to be and the person you created me to be. Now I realize that what Jesus did on the cross equals the love that You have for me. I am choosing to trust You and follow You now and forever because I now know You will love and accept me. In Jesus name, Amen.



### **Disciple Tip**

Disciples believe a different story about the world. A narrative that the Gospel is redeeming humanity.

# STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the gospel message today

(please only check one):

- I want to start following Jesus **today**.
- I have **questions** about following Jesus.
- I am **already** a follower of Jesus.
- I would like to get connected to a youth group.

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend a church? \_\_\_\_\_

Who invited you to First Priority today? \_\_\_\_\_

The information you put on this card will be given to a student leader to follow up with you. Your information will not be stored or given to anyone else.

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# FOLLOW-UP GUIDE

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Following up with those who just committed their lives to Jesus or have questions is equally as important as sharing the Gospel! This guide will give you a few pointers on how to follow-up correctly.

## SIX THINGS TO DO WHEN FOLLOWING UP

### 1. Determine how many and what kind of follow-up has been requested.

As soon as possible, read through the response cards after you have collected them and let your Coach know how many people committed their lives to Christ and how many students have questions or want someone to follow up with them.

### 2. Organize the response card information.

Write down on the follow-up chart the names, response, and contact info of everyone who made decisions and requested to talk with someone.

### 3. Make contact within 24 hours with everyone who responded to the Gospel on Engage Week.

This can be done by text message, personal conversation at school or social media, just remember to check with your parents for permission before contacting someone you do not know. The initial message should be something like this:

"Hello \_\_\_\_! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I saw that you came to First Priority club this week! We are really excited you came, and we hope you'll come back next week. I also noticed that you marked on your response card that you [prayed to begin a relationship with Christ] -or- [wanted to talk with someone about the Gospel] so I wanted to ask how I could help you. If you have questions about their responses, you can contact your Campus Coach for guidance.

### 4. Invite them to church! If they were invited by a friend to First Priority...

Ask that friend to invite them to youth group this week, since they are more likely to attend church with someone they know. If they plan to go to church for the first time, you can also ask your Coach to notify the Student Pastor that they will be having a new guest this week! Make sure to discard any response cards that you will not be needing for follow-up.

### 5. Offer a free Bible to those who prayed to receive Christ if Bibles are available through your First Priority club or church.

Make sure one is available before you offer and make sure they receive it if they ask for one.

### 6. Share Stories

Share any cool new salvation stories and new local youth group members with your Coach! He or she will want to celebrate with you about what God is doing through your club!

Student Name	Started following Jesus today.	Questions about following Jesus.	Wants to connect to youth group.	Follow-up dates and notes.
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