



# HOPE WEEKLY



**THE CONVERSATION WITH THE WORLD**

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# Planning Guide

## Help Week:



Promo:



Welcome:

Have Help Tool ready and pass out.



Host:



Speaker:



Follow-Up:

## Overcome Week:



Promo:



Welcome:



Host:

Choose game or video ready.



Speaker:



Follow-Up:

## Prepare Week:



Promo:



Welcome:

Have Faith Story Sheets ready and pass out.



Host:

Student Speakers:



Follow-Up:

## Engage Week:



Promo:



Welcome:

Have response cards ready and hand out.



Host:

Have game or video ready.



Speaker:



Follow-Up:

# NOTES

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# HELP WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH THE WORLD”



## 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 share the Good News with the World.



## Speaker



**Help Tool: Life Death Cards**

Practice Help Tool before the club and **pass out the Life Death Cards** 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 the World”



## 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

Leaders are impacting the world for the greater good everyday.





## Gospel Discussion

### “The Conversation with the World”



#### Highlight Scripture

##### Mark 16:15

“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”



#### Explain (Give context)

Have you had something so exciting to share that you couldn't wait for the world to find out? Is there anything that would keep you from telling everyone? As believers in Jesus, we have the most exciting news EVER and it is our job to tell everyone. John 3:16 explains it perfectly, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

So, who do we tell the “Good News” to? In Mark chapter 16 verse 15, Jesus gives His final instructions to His disciples and to us, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” We tell EVERYONE! Your friends, family, enemies, teachers, and the outcasts. “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him” John 3:17.

So how do we start the conversation about Life & Death with the world? Today, we have another Help Tool that will get the conversation started and help us share the Gospel with all creation, just as Jesus instructed.



#### Apply

Choose today that you will share the Gospel with those people in your world that don't know Jesus. Take the Life/Death card and begin with the word “Death” showing. Read the top of the card, “For the wages of sin is death”. Then flip the card clockwise to show the word “Life” and read the top of the card, “But the gift of God is eternal life.” Next, read the verses on the back as you continue to share the Gospel. Begin a conversation about why you are a Christian and the Good News of Jesus.



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

Get into groups and pray for God to give you boldness to begin the conversation about Jesus with the world. Then take turns sharing the Life/Death card with your group.



#### Bottom Line

The only way the world will know about Jesus is if you tell them.



#### Disciple Tip

Being with Jesus teaches us to believe who He says we are.



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# OVERCOME WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH THE WORLD”



## 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 the world.



## Speaker

### Gospel Discussion

“Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with the World”



## 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

Leaders are learners. Find someone you can learn from.





## Gospel Discussion

### ”Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with the World”



#### Highlight Scripture

#### Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



#### Explain (Give context)

Are you ready to share the Gospel with anyone in any situation and every opportunity the Holy Spirit leads in? Some of that will depend on how much effort you put into training all year long. If you have shared the Gospel with friends, family, followers, enemies, outcasts and others in your life, you are definitely ready. That’s why in Acts 1:8, Jesus gives us power not only to reach those closest to us, but also those the farthest away!

Maybe you will have the opportunity to go on a missions trip this summer. Maybe the mission field will come to you. Even technology allows you to communicate with people across the world. Whatever your situation, God has put you in exactly the right time and place to share the truth with someone who desperately needs to hear. You may be tempted to shrink back in fear. You may still get nervous. But, do you know what? The power to witness isn’t conditional. It’s a PROMISE for every believer.

You have THAT power. What will you do with the platform the God has given you? Will you elevate yourself, or will you show and share the Light of the world?



#### Apply

Plan to be effective this coming year by identifying one opportunity each day to show and share the love of Jesus. You might find people in the most unlikely places that want to hear about Jesus. Keep a journal each day about these “God-moments”.



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

Each conversation you have out in the world will be completely different. Maybe it will be with someone standing next to you in line at a store, maybe they will be next to you in an airplane. The important thing to remember is to be friendly, ask them about themselves, and try to bring Jesus into the conversation. Pray silently as you talk with them, and ask the Holy Spirit what to say.



#### Bottom Line

You have a platform to share the Gospel - use it intentionally!



#### Disciple Tip

Your relationship with Jesus is personal, but it is never private.

# PREPARE WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH THE WORLD”



## Prepare Week

Preparing your story of receiving the Gospel.

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



### Promo:

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### Welcome:

Remember to create a welcoming environment.



## Host

"Welcome to First Priority, we are glad that 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. Let's kick things off in prayer."



Pray

## Gospel Reviews

Hand a note card to each student and say something like:

"Have you ever read product reviews on Amazon.com? Imagine that you are going to give a personal review on the Gospel. You can talk about what it is, how it compares to other things, how much it costs, and what a difference it has made for you. The Gospel message, of course, isn't just a product, but this is a great way to learn to describe it to someone who doesn't know about it. We'll take a few minutes to write down our responses and go around the club to share what we wrote."



## 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

Leaders evaluate what they celebrate.



# ENGAGE WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH THE WORLD”



## 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

“Gospel Identity”



## 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.



## Pray



## Follow-Up

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



## Leader Tip

Leaders are world changers.





## “Gospel Identity”

### Ephesians 2:4-5

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."

The Bible describes God as rich (having an over abundance) in many things like mercy, grace, and love; and anything He is rich in, He generously pours out on us. And the greatest expression of His grace, mercy, and love is Jesus...it's the Gospel. And now in Jesus we find our Gospel identity and our mission!

### Gospel Identity: Family of Servant Missionaries

As **family**, we are loved children of our Father, God.

As **servants**, we serve like Jesus.

As **missionaries**, we are sent to take hope to people who are far from God.

The Gospel of Jesus says many more things about our identity. The Gospel says that we are loved, forgiven, chosen, safe, we belong, we are included, honored, valued, of infinite worth, and created with a purpose.

Sadly, because of brokenness in the world we call sin, most of us are not living in this Gospel identity. Instead there are other words that we may use to describe our life. Words like hopeless, without purpose, without meaning, unloved, unworthy, of no value, broken, guilty, ashamed, with no direction, lost, rejected, excluded, and dishonored.

Today, I want to give you Good News. I once described my life with words like these, until I heard the Good News of the Gospel. God loved me so much that Jesus came to Earth like a missionary to restore me to my purpose and identity. Jesus was God in the flesh. He wore our clothes, ate our food, and joined our celebrations. Jesus came for more than that though. He came to save me and you from our sins.

Jesus came to restore us to the people that we were created to be. Today, I want you to know that you can be a part of our family of servant missionaries. You can exchange the negative words you use to describe yourself to new words. Words that God has said about you. What we call a Gospel identity.

God is generously offering everyone of us the free gift of salvation by His grace.

**Pray:** God, I know that my own sin has defined me. Words like fear, shame, and regret. Today I realize that God has created me and has the right to define me. I choose to follow Jesus now and forever. I want to embrace my Gospel identity as a dearly loved child of God. 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

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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