



# Month 6 - Church & Spiritual Gifts

## OVERCOME WEEK

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### Foundation Scripture

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25



### HOST

"Welcome to First Priority! Last week we started a new month learning about the Church and Spiritual Gifts. Does anyone remember how we define the big "C" Church?"

"Yes! A group of people who believe in and belong to God. We compared this to a family and realized that everyone is different and imperfect."

Before we get started, let's pray..."

### OPENING PRAYER



### SPEAKER

"This week we are going to discuss as a large group some of the ways the Church struggles to be better together and how we can overcome these struggles."

*TIP: have a Student Leader make a chart on the board with two columns: 1. Struggles 2. How to Overcome. They can fill in the chart as the discussion happens.*

*(Close discussion)*

"Let's review some of the things we talked about today (*read through what is written on the board or what was discussed in groups*).

It makes sense because we are all sinners and far from perfect that there would be issues and problems when we gather together for one purpose. By the way, that is what the word "**fellowship**" actually means: participation with others that share a common purpose. Even what we are doing here at First Priority is considered fellowship.



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Fellowship is a really cool thing. It brings **unity within the Church** (or God's family), **it brings us closer to God**, and it **serves those around us**. When we fellowship, we build one another up (*Romans 14:19*), serve one another (*Galatians 5:13*), and bear each other's burdens and struggles (*Galatians 6:2*).

**SPEAKER**

Even though we will have problems and the Church is not perfect, we see that God can bring so much good and light into our lives by being a part of His family. We really are better together!"



"That was a great discussion and makes me feel hopeful about being a part of God's family. Next week, we will take a look at what gifts or "dishes" we can contribute to the Church. Before we leave, let's pray..."

**HOST**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**TIP:** Ask your pastor to visit and share their story with your group this month for Engage Week. Give them plenty of advance notice and let them know that your group has been learning about the Church.

### OTHER STUDENT LEADER ROLES



Tell students to invite their friends!

**PROMO**



Make sure every new face feels welcome and greeted with a smile!

**WELCOME**



Ask students where or if they go to church. Invite them to your church or one close to them!

**FOLLOW UP**