CAMPUS CLUBS

FIRST PRIORITY

Club Coach

LEADER BINDER

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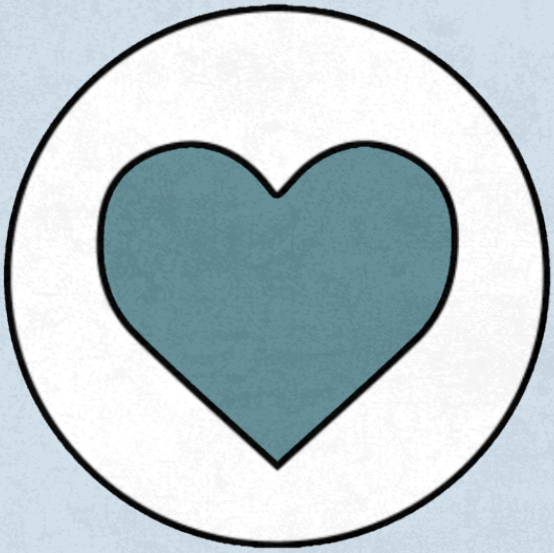

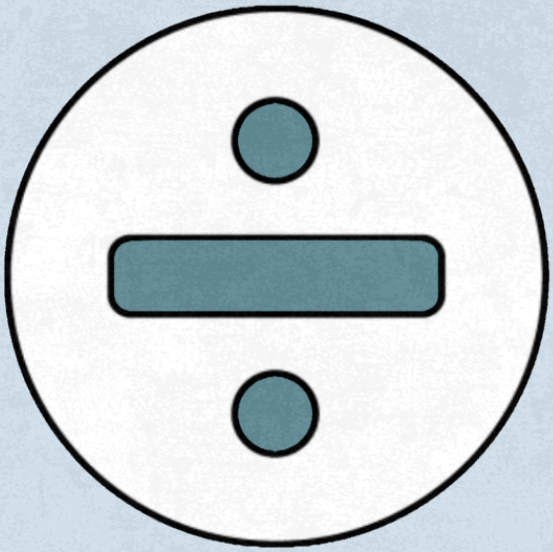

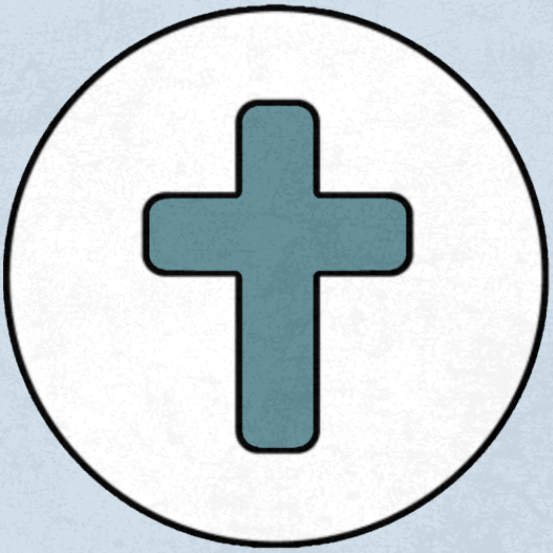



How to Run an Effective Club

This will help you run a First Priority Club that is Gospel-Focused, Student-Led, and Consistent in Excellence! We show up to make an eternal difference in less than 30 minutes. Let's do it well.

PREPARE WELL

BE PRAYED UP

- Pray for the students you will encounter at your Club.
- Pray as a group before the students show up.

BE PREPARED

- Read the Monday morning email so you know the game plan.
- Review the Leader Guide before Club starts.
- Students know when you are winging it; lead with purpose.

TIME MANAGEMENT

- Respect the clock. The bell rings whether you are done or not.
- Don't run out of time; the Gospel is the main reason we're here.
- Game Time is at the end so that content isn't rushed.

BE PRESENT

BE THERE

- Early is on time. On time is late.
- Students remember who shows up consistently.

BE AVAILABLE

- You have less than 30 minutes to build trust; every second counts.
- Let students feel heard and valued.

BE RELATIONAL

- Fist bumps and high fives go a long way.
- Make sure every student feels seen.
- No one sits alone, ever.

TEAMWORK

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

- Respond in your group text so the team knows who will be there.
- Celebrate wins! Share Club stories with your team.
- Follow up weekly with your Faculty Sponsor; they're vital.

CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT

- Play music when students arrive (Spotify playlist available.)
- Help set up and tear down. First impressions matter.
- Leave people and places better than you found them.

Intro Week
EPIC: Faith in Action

Purpose:
Why we should have intentional conversations about the Gospel and lead our FP clubs well.

Preparation:
- Sign up for the First Priority Club App.
- Enlist Student Leaders for the next four weeks.
- Give the Student Host a Leader Guide for Equip Week.
- Give Student Speaker a Leader Guide for Equip Week.

Supplies:
- QR Code for the App (firstpriority.club/app/) that you can pass around so students may scan and get signed up.
- Leader Guides for Equip Week.

Random Question:
- What is one exciting or fun thing you did for summer vacation?

Welcome:
Welcome to First Priority. We are excited to be back on campus and look forward to seeing how God is going to use you to reach your school with the HOPE of Christ. I want to introduce you to the adults that are here to encourage you this school year. *(Have the adults introduce themselves and thank the Faculty Sponsor for making this room available for First Priority to meet.)*

Ice Breaker – TRUE or FALSE:
Let's see how many of these random statements you know. I will share a fact, and you must decide if it is TRUE or FALSE. Stand up for TRUE, stay seated for FALSE.

- A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance. **TRUE!**
- The Bible is the most stolen book in the world. **TRUE** — because it's taken from hotels and bookstores.
- You can sneeze with your eyes open. **FALSE** — It's basically impossible, don't try it.
- There are 66 books in the Bible. **TRUE!**
- The average person spends 6 years of their life on social media. **TRUE!**

- Lightning never strikes the same place twice. **FALSE** — It often strikes the same place multiple times (like the Empire State Building).
- There is no word that rhymes with orange. **TRUE!**
- Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins. **TRUE** — Sloths can hold their breath for up to 40 minutes!

Get Connected:
Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for the First Priority App. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening in your club each week. Also, don't forget to follow us on social media at [insert handle] so you don't miss anything! *(This one is only for schools that have started an Instagram page.)*

What is First Priority?
Let's talk about what First Priority is all about. First Priority is a student-led club with one mission: **to take the hope of Christ to every student.** That means each week when we meet, we're going to talk about Jesus. Who He is, what He's done, and how we can share that hope with others. Even though we're a faith-based club, everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Christian to come. Whether you have questions, doubts, or you're just curious, this is a place where you belong.

Here's something to think about:
More students in our schools are open to hearing the Gospel than Christians are to sharing it. That shouldn't be the case, and this is where we can make a difference. Most people don't share their faith because they're not sure how. That's why we're here: to help you learn how to start meaningful conversations that point people to Jesus. Whether it's a friend, a teammate, or someone in your own family, we want to give you the tools to share your story and His. Romans 10:13-15 reminds us why this matters. *"For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"*

That "someone" could be you. It's time for us to be bold. It's time for us to speak up. It's time for us to go. Let's be the ones with beautiful feet—not just because we're wearing cool shoes but because we're carrying the best news the world has ever heard. The Gospel! It starts today. It starts with us. Let's take the hope of Christ to every student together. How will they know unless someone tells them? This is how we are going to do it.

EPIC Cycle:
Sharing Jesus with others won't just happen—we have to be intentional. That's why every month we'll walk through a 4-week cycle we call E.P.I.C. Each week builds on the last to help you live on mission at school.

- **EQUIP WEEK**
  - ***Focus***: Helping each other understand and believe what God's design is for the Church.
- **PREPARE WEEK**
  - ***Focus***: Spiritual Gifts, preparing to share the Gospel with our peers
- **INVITE WEEK**
  - ***Focus***: Student Testimonies / Gospel Presentation
- **CONNECT WEEK**
  - ***Focus***: Making it a Big Deal to go to Church, being connected to the local Church

Leader Roles:
These four weeks of club don't happen without you. Every role matters. Whether you're up front or behind the scenes, you help create a space where students can hear about Jesus and feel welcomed. Here's how you can lead and serve:

- **WELCOME**
  - Be the first friendly face people see! Stand at the door, say hello, and help create a warm, welcoming environment from the moment students walk in.
- **HOST**
  - You'll kick things off by welcoming everyone, opening in prayer, and helping lead a game if there's time. At the end, you'll come back up to give the challenge and close in prayer.
- **SPEAKER**
  - This is your moment to lead the message. Read through the Leader Guide ahead of time, then share the message during club. Be available afterward in case anyone has questions or wants someone to pray with them.
- **PROMO**
  - This may be one person or a group of you that is in charge of ensuring the word gets out. This may be done through posters being posted or getting on your morning announcements or newsletters, and/or maintaining a social media page for your school as FP.
- **FOLLOW-UP**
  - During Invite Week, you'll help collect Response Cards, hand out Bibles as requested, and help connect students to a local church. In other weeks, you will also ensure that any new visitors have their questions answered and ensure they know they were "seen" as being there at your club.

Who is ready to sign up to lead and serve? After we close in prayer, we will get our leaders for the month. Before we dismiss, let's circle up and pray, asking God to give us boldness to have Gospel conversations this school year so that others will begin a relationship with Him. How will they know unless someone tells them? Who would like to pray first? *(If needed the COACH can wrap up the prayer.)* Those who are ready to lead, sign up before you leave. *(Give the students that signed up for HOST and SPEAKER an Equip Week copy of the Leader Guide.)* Next week we will kick off our first week of EPIC and you don't want to miss it.

PLANNING GUIDE

EVANGELISM

First, let's evaluate! How did the last EPIC cycle go? Use the 5-Star Club Evaluation to spot any problem areas.

Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: As followers of Christ, we must always be prepared to share the Gospel, just as 1 Peter 3:15 instructs us to give a reason for our hope.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The Four Materials.

Verses to Have Ready: 1 Peter 3:15; Romans 1:16; John 3:16; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; and Romans 10:9.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW-UP _____

PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Sharing your faith story is a powerful way to shine the light of Christ in a world searching for hope.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 1:16 and Matthew 5:14-16 .

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW-UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: The Four helps us understand four key truths: God loves us, sin separates us, the cross restores us, and we must choose to follow Christ and build a relationship with God.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 1:16.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW-UP _____

CONNECT WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Our faith grows stronger when we stay connected to Christ, our faith community, and the local church.

Resources Needed: Local church information.

Verses to Have Ready: John 15:5; Hebrews 10:24-25; and Matthew 28:19-20.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW-UP _____

EVANGELISM

Equip Week

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Happening This Month: It's the first month of the school year! Whether you're starting a brand-new Club or coming back together after the summer, this is an exciting new beginning. Be intentional about making your first INVITE Week impactful, and consider hosting a Kickoff Celebration or party to start the year strong. Don't forget to invite as many friends as possible to hear the Gospel and join in the fun as we set the tone for an amazing year ahead!

Be sure to check out the EPIC calendar for any events that are coming up.

Key Takeaway: As followers of Christ, we must always be prepared to share the Gospel, just as 1 Peter 3:15 instructs us to give a reason for our hope with gentleness and respect. God has given us the tools—His Word, the Holy Spirit, and opportunities—to share His love and salvation with others. Being equipped means actively using these gifts to boldly and compassionately share the message of Jesus.

Student Leader Roles:

- **Promo -** Promote the Club through social media, announcements, and any other outlets the school allows.
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- **Follow-Up -** Follow up with new (or newer) students, and students who accepted Christ for the first time or want to know more. This role requires follow-up every week, not just after INVITE Weeks.

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

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Opening Prayer: God, thank you for bringing us together today for our first week of First Priority. We are grateful for your love, and we ask that you prepare our hearts to learn how to share your truth with others. Help us grow in boldness and love as we live for you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!) Choose a game, video, or icebreaker. Select one that fits your group's needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 1:16 (NIV) - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Supplies: The Four Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

Today, let's talk about **The FOUR** as a practical way (outline) to help each of us to share the Gospel. The FOUR uses four simple icons—The Heart, The Division, The Cross, and The Question Mark—that help us explain the Gospel clearly and confidently. To introduce The FOUR, we'll go through each icon, read a corresponding verse, and discuss what it all means through guided questions.

The Heart: God Loves Us
John 3:16 (NIV) "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."

God's love is the foundation of the Gospel. He created us with a purpose and desires a relationship with each of us. We can see this in the Creation Story in Genesis, Chapter 1 in the Bible.

The Division: I Am Separated from God
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Sin separates us from God, leaving us in need of rescue.

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Romans 10:9 (NIV) "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Salvation requires a personal response—choosing to trust and follow Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

***Leader Tip:* Break into small groups or have a large group discussion based on Club size.**

Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.

1. Which of The FOUR symbols resonates with you the most, and why? How has this truth shaped your personal faith journey?
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SPEAKER | DIG IN: LIVING EQUIPPED FOR THE GOSPEL - 8 MINUTES

Let's dig a little deeper by looking at God's Word. Keep The FOUR tool in mind; God's Word shows us how to use this in our daily lives.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV): "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

TIP: **Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.**

As we end our time together today, let's spend some time praying for our friends and peers who may not know Christ. Think of a few friends who need the Hope of Christ in their life and take a moment to write their names down so that you can be praying for them this week.

Leader Tip: **Give them time to fill out Prayer Cards.**

Allow 2-3 minutes for students to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us together today and for the opportunity to meet and grow in our faith.

Before we continue, let's have a moment of silence to lift up the names of friends or loved ones who don't know you as their Savior. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We lift up those in our lives who don't yet know you as their Savior. Open their hearts to your truth and use us as a light to guide them to your love. Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Announcement Suggestions:

- Confirm any changes to the school schedule with your Faculty Sponsor.

Leader Notes:
Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

Get Ready for PREPARE Week:

Use the guide at the beginning of the month to make any plans or changes. Or use the First Priority Club App to keep leadership roles organized.

Leader Tip: **Use this time to recruit new Student Leaders and assign responsibilities.**



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Happening This Month: It's the first month of the year! As we kick off the year, now is the perfect time to reflect on how God can use you this year to make a difference for His Kingdom. This week, we'll focus on preparing to share the Gospel boldly and confidently. Let's start strong by being intentional about encouraging others to encounter Jesus through our lives and stories!

Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

Key Takeaway: Sharing your faith story is a powerful way to shine the light of Christ in a world searching for hope. By reflecting on your journey—life before Christ, how you met Him, and the transformation He brought—you can confidently share the Gospel with others. As Matthew 5:14-16 reminds us, we are called to be bold witnesses, letting God's light shine through us so others may come to know Him.

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Opening Prayer: God, thank you for bringing us together today at First Priority. Thank you for the gift of salvation and for the hope and purpose we've found in you. Please help us to prepare our hearts to boldly share the Gospel with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game – Choose a game, video, or icebreaker that encourages interaction and builds community within the Club.

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

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Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders hand out the My Faith Story Sheet.**

During PREPARE Week, we're equipping you to confidently share the Gospel with your peers through a simple tool designed to help you craft your Faith Story. This process focuses on three key moments: your life before Christ, how Jesus became part of your story, and your life with Him now.

Start by reflecting on your life before knowing Christ—what challenges, struggles, or sense of emptiness did you face?

Next, share how you encountered Jesus—whether it was through a person, a significant moment, or a personal realization. Finally, describe how your life has changed with Christ at the center—what's different, and how has He transformed you? Use the handout to guide you as you write. Be authentic and keep the focus on Jesus. Your story has the power to inspire someone to take their first step toward faith. Take a few moments to work through this—it's amazing how God can use your journey to impact others!

Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: BOLD WITNESSES: SHARING YOUR FAITH - 8 MINUTES

Imagine holding a flashlight in a dark room filled with people searching for the way out. You could choose to keep the light for yourself, quietly making your way to safety. But wouldn't it be better to shine it boldly, helping others find their way? That flashlight represents the Gospel, and God has entrusted us to shine His light in a dark world.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) – "**14** you are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

As believers, we are called to be bold witnesses for Christ. This means letting His light shine through our actions and words, so others can experience His love and truth. Today, we'll explore why sharing our faith matters and how we can overcome fears or challenges to boldly reflect Christ in our schools, communities, and beyond.

Discussion Questions:

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Closing Prayer Suggestion: Lord, thank you for giving each of us a unique story to share. Please give us the boldness and courage to reflect your love and truth this week. We pray for our friends who don't know you yet. Use us to show them your light. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Homework: Keep writing your Faith Story using the Faith Story sheet. We will continue to come back to this sheet all year to help each of us figure out what God has done in our lives - both when we first came to Jesus and when we walked through the hard moments of life. We all have lots of stories of God moving in our lives, we just don't remember them well because we haven't written them down yet. This is the start of writing down our Stories and allowing God to use them. If a story comes to mind, begin writing and talk to the Club Leadership about being one of the first ones to share at next month's PREPARE Week.

Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
- Remind everyone about upcoming school breaks or schedule changes.

Leader Notes: Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

Prepare for INVITE Week: Find one or two people willing to share their Faith Story. Use the guide at the beginning of this month, or the First Priority Club App, to keep leadership roles organized.

Club Coach Tip: Next month's INVITE Week will have room for up to 2 students to share their Stories. Keep an eye out for students whose stories are developing, and coach them (outside of the Club) to ensure they're prepared for next month to share.

EVANGELISM

Prepare Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad you've joined us today. Our focus this month is "Evangelism." Today is **PREPARE Week,** where we will prepare our hearts and stories to boldly share the Gospel. Sharing our faith can seem intimidating, but God has equipped each of us with a story to tell that has the power to impact others for eternity. Let's begin today with prayer.

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for bringing us together today at First Priority. Thank you for the gift of salvation and for the hope and purpose we've found in you. Please help us to prepare our hearts to boldly share the Gospel with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game – Choose a game, video, or icebreaker that encourages interaction and builds community within the Club.

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 1:16 (NIV) – "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders hand out the My Faith Story Sheet.**

During PREPARE Week, we're equipping you to confidently share the Gospel with your peers through a simple tool designed to help you craft your Faith Story. This process focuses on three key moments: your life before Christ, how Jesus became part of your story, and your life with Him now.

Start by reflecting on your life before knowing Christ—what challenges, struggles, or sense of emptiness did you face?

Next, share how you encountered Jesus—whether it was through a person, a significant moment, or a personal realization. Finally, describe how your life has changed with Christ at the center—what's different, and how has He transformed you? Use the handout to guide you as you write. Be authentic and keep the focus on Jesus. your story has the power to inspire someone to take their first step toward faith. Take a few moments to work through this—it's amazing how God can use your journey to impact others!

Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: BOLD WITNESSES: SHARING YOUR FAITH - 8 MINUTES

Imagine holding a flashlight in a dark room filled with people searching for the way out. you could choose to keep the light for yourself, quietly making your way to safety. But wouldn't it be better to shine it boldly, helping others find their way? That flashlight represents the Gospel, and God has entrusted us to shine His light in a dark world.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV) – "**14** you are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

As believers, we are called to be bold witnesses for Christ. This means letting His light shine through our actions and words, so others can experience His love and truth. Today, we'll explore why sharing our faith matters and how we can overcome fears or challenges to boldly reflect Christ in our schools, communities, and beyond.

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussion based on Club size.**

Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.

Discussion Questions:

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Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 1:16.

Tip: Remind this week's speaker to leave 5 minutes at the end of Club for Response Time. This is a special moment for students to respond to the Gospel message they heard during Club. (Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident, and sharing the right things. What are the right things? Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin.

Key Takeaway: The Gospel is for everyone! The Four helps us understand its key truths: God loves us, sin separates us, the cross restores us, and we must choose to follow Christ and build a relationship with God.

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STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

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(Intro to Response Time)

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The Second Box: 'Today I reaffirmed my faith in Jesus.' This is if maybe you made the decision to follow Christ in the past, but have fallen short and got caught up in sin for a while and you want to recommit your life to Christ.

The Third Box: 'I would like more information about the Gospel.' This is to let us know that you would like to dive deeper into the Gospel of Christ and the calling that the Lord has for your life. We would love to connect with each of you on this level.

The Fourth Box: 'I have already trusted in Jesus before today." This is maybe for those of you who are already walking with Christ and have made the decision to follow Him wholeheartedly. If this is you, we still want to connect with you and walk alongside you. We hope that you continue to come to Club and join this Faith Community as we connect with each other through the Gospel.

The last box is for anyone who is not interested in what you heard today in Club. If this is you, we want to encourage you and let you know that no matter your beliefs or place in life, you are still welcome and wanted here. We love having each and every one of you. There is space here for everyone no matter where you are on your walk with Christ, even if you may not be walking with Christ yet.

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

If today was your first time with us and you want to know more about what First Priority is like on a week-by-week basis, we'd love to see you again next week for CONNECT Week. It's a great opportunity to meet more people, get connected, and learn more about what God has for you!

Leader Notes: **Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!**

This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-Up is key and can be urgent for a new believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours. (Do not do this during class time when you should be working or paying attention!) Send the name of each person who made a decision to the friend who brought them so they can follow up appropriately. Make a plan to review and pray over them with your Campus Coach and Adult Leaders. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision. You want them to know that they are important to you.

See the Follow-Up Guide on www.firstpriority.club/resources for more details.

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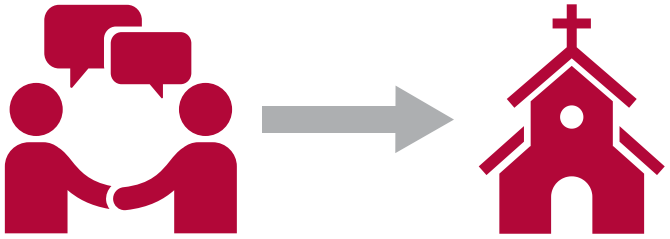

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EVANGELISM

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EVANGELISM

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Resources Needed: Local church information for students to connect with a church community.

Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

Verses to Have Ready: John 15:5; Hebrews 10:24-25; and Matthew 28:19-20.

Key Takeaway: Our faith grows stronger when we stay connected to Christ, our faith community, and the local church. Just like branches need a vine to grow, we need Jesus to help us live with purpose. Being part of a Club and church gives us friends and support to encourage us in our faith and help us share God's love with others.

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HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

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Let's begin with prayer!

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for bringing us together today. We are so grateful for the opportunity to connect with you, with each other, and with the local church. Help us to see how these connections strengthen our faith and equip us to live out your purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select an icebreaker that fits your needs best! These activities are meant to get everyone interacting and to break the ice among potential strangers. Use this as a tool, if it fits, to help with the Mission of First Priority Clubs.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Leader Tip: **Do this next part in groups or ask just a few volunteers for each section.**

Let's take a moment to share about how we are connected to Christ, Club, and the local church and how we can get those around us to be connected as well!

Christ: Anyone want to share their connection-to-Christ story? *(How they came to a relationship with Christ.)*

Club: Who can we connect to this First Priority Club next week?

Church: Ask Students

1. What Church do they go to? Where does your church meet and what time does it start?
2. Why do they go to their church?
3. What do they love about their church?

Leader Tip: **Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: CONNECTING WITH CHRIST, CLUB, AND THE LOCAL CHURCH - 13 MINUTES

Connections are so important to build a strong faith in Jesus. Let's look at God's Word to see what it says about connecting to Christ, this Club, and a local church.

1. Connecting with Christ:
John 15:5 (NIV): "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing."

In John 15:5, Jesus describes our relationship with Him as a vine and branches. When we stay connected to Him through prayer, worship, and reading His Word, we grow and bear fruit. Apart from Him, we can do nothing of lasting value. Connecting with Christ is the foundation for everything else in our faith journey.

2. Connecting with Your Club:
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV): "24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25 highlights the importance of meeting together and encouraging one another. Your Club is a place where you can grow in your faith alongside friends, share your struggles, and celebrate victories. It's a community where you can be inspired to live boldly for Christ and reach others for Him.

3. Connecting with the local church:
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV): "19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The local church is God's design to help believers grow spiritually, serve others, and share the Gospel. When we connect with a local church, we join a larger family of believers who can help us deepen our faith and give us opportunities to serve in our community. The church equips us to carry out the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20—to make disciples of all nations.

Imagine these three connections like a three-legged stool. If one leg is missing, the stool wobbles or falls. In the same way, our spiritual growth is strongest when we stay connected to Christ, our Club, and the Church.

Discussion Questions: (if time is short, choose a couple of questions from the list)

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussions based on Club size.**

Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.

1. Why is staying connected to Christ so important for your faith?
2. What role does the local church play in helping believers grow in their faith?
    a. What role do you play in helping believers grow in their faith? [because the church is a group of people, not a building]
3. What can you do to strengthen your connection with Christ this week?
4. How can your Club work together to invite others to join and learn about Jesus?



HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Next week, we will be starting a new cycle centered around God's Love! If you are interested in being a Student Leader or want to become more involved, please feel free to come talk to one of us and we will see how to get you plugged in!

Announcement Suggestions:
This is the place for the Club to make announcements for the upcoming week or month. Encourage Student Leaders to take an active role by making announcements or organizing events. Don't forget to check the school calendar for upcoming breaks or days off.

Leader Notes:
Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

Prepare for EQUIP Week and next EPIC Cycle: There is a printed guide at the beginning of this month to keep Leader Roles organized or you can use the First Priority Club App to keep the list current on the go!

EVANGELISM

Connect Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad you're here today! This week, we'll focus on the importance of connecting with Christ, your Club, and the local church. Each connection is crucial in growing your faith, building community, and sharing God's love with others.

Let's begin with prayer!

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for bringing us together today. We are so grateful for the opportunity to connect with you, with each other, and with the local church. Help us to see how these connections strengthen our faith and equip us to live out your purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select an icebreaker that fits your needs best! These activities are meant to get everyone interacting and to break the ice among potential strangers. Use this as a tool, if it fits, to help with the Mission of First Priority Clubs.

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 1:16 (NIV) - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

***Leader Tip:* Do this next part in groups or ask just a few volunteers for each section.**

Let's take a moment to share about how we are connected to Christ, Club, and the local church and how we can get those around us to be connected as well!

Christ: Anyone want to share their connection-to-Christ story? *(How they came to a relationship with Christ.)*

Club: Who can we connect to this First Priority Club next week?

Church: Ask Students

1. What Church do they go to? Where does your church meet and what time does it start?
2. Why do they go to their church?
3. What do they love about their church?

***Leader Tip:* Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: CONNECTING WITH CHRIST, CLUB, AND THE LOCAL CHURCH - 13 MINUTES

Connections are so important to build a strong faith in Jesus. Let's look at God's Word to see what it says about connecting to Christ, this Club, and a local church.

1. Connecting with Christ:
John 15:5 (NIV): "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing."

In John 15:5, Jesus describes our relationship with Him as a vine and branches. When we stay connected to Him through prayer, worship, and reading His Word, we grow and bear fruit. Apart from Him, we can do nothing of lasting value. Connecting with Christ is the foundation for everything else in our faith journey.

2. Connecting with Your Club:
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV): "24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25 highlights the importance of meeting together and encouraging one another. Your Club is a place where you can grow in your faith alongside friends, share your struggles, and celebrate victories. It's a community where you can be inspired to live boldly for Christ and reach others for Him.

3. Connecting with the local church:
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV): "19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The local church is God's design to help believers grow spiritually, serve others, and share the Gospel. When we connect with a local church, we join a larger family of believers who can help us deepen our faith and give us opportunities to serve in our community. The church equips us to carry out the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20—to make disciples of all nations.

Imagine these three connections like a three-legged stool. If one leg is missing, the stool wobbles or falls. In the same way, our spiritual growth is strongest when we stay connected to Christ, our Club, and the Church.

Discussion Questions: (if time is short, choose a couple of questions from the list)

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussions based on Club size.**

- Why is staying connected to Christ so important for your faith?
- What role does the local church play in helping believers grow in their faith?
    - What role do you play in helping believers grow in their faith? [because the church is a group of people, not a building]
- What can you do to strengthen your connection with Christ this week?
- How can your Club work together to invite others to join and learn about Jesus?



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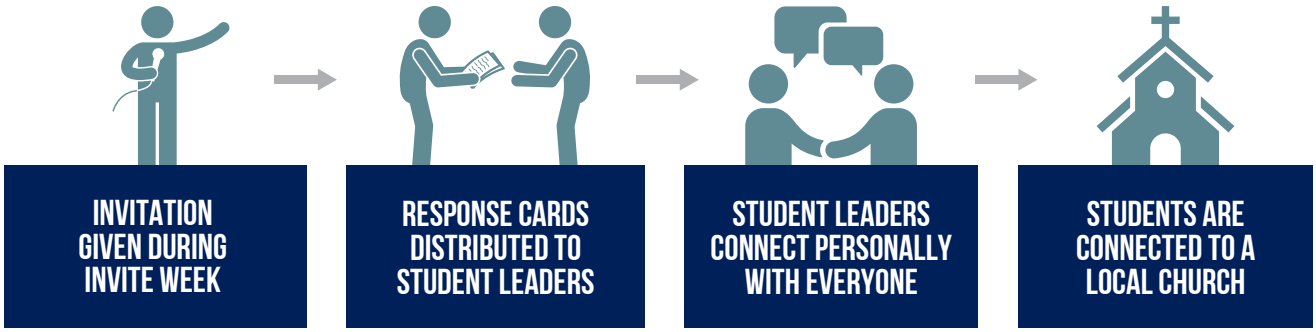
FOLLOW-UP GUIDE

GOAL: EVERY PERSON SHOULD FEEL CONNECTED TO CHRIST, YOUR CLUB, AND THE LOCAL CHURCH.



KEYS TO SUCCESS

- **Focus on Relationships**
  - ***Keep it Genuine!***
- **Personalize the Conversations**
  - Do your best to connect deeper by asking about their interests and building on that foundation.
- **Keep Follow-Up Peer-to-Peer**
  - Girls should follow up with girls, and boys should follow up with boys. Look for mutual friendships and possible established relationships with leaders already in the club.

DURING INVITE WEEK

- **The follow-up coordinator should pass out the Response Cards and ask everyone in the room to fill out a card.**
  - Note: Ask everyone to fill out the cards so that it does not isolate students and make them feel uncomfortable.
- **Collect all cards and sort them based on the boxes they checked.**
  - Count each category and report them in the Club Meeting Report in the FP Club app.
- **Divide the cards among all Student Leaders.**
  - Remember to keep the gender the same and keep the grades similar if possible.
  - It's also best to make mutual connections when sorting the cards.

RESPONSE CARD NEXT STEP ACTIONS

"TODAY, I TRUSTED IN JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME."

This is the most exciting response you can get! It's time to celebrate!

- Message this person within 24 hours of their response and celebrate!
- Schedule a meeting as soon as possible to hear their story and ask questions. Hear about what God is doing in their life!
- Give them a First Priority Bible and offer to walk through the New Believer's Guide with them. (firstpriority.club/resources)
- Invite them to your church or offer to find a church that best fits their needs.
- Offer to connect them to your youth pastor to continue following up.

"TODAY, I REAFFIRMED MY FAITH IN JESUS."

What a great response to someone whose faith is affirmed! This might also be considered a "rededication."

- Message this person within 24 hours of their response to celebrate!
- Schedule a meeting as soon as possible to hear their story and ask questions. Hear about what God is doing in their life!
- They may already attend church, but if not, invite them to your church.
- Offer to connect them to your youth pastor to continue following up.

I WOULD "LIKE MORE INFORMATION..."

This response is so encouraging. It means that someone is contemplating faith, and they need more answers!

- Message this person within 24 hours of their response and offer support!
  - Schedule a meeting with them as soon as possible. At the meeting, ask them what they know about the Gospel.
  - Focus on asking questions and listening to their response.
    - Asking questions shows that you care about them and their journey.
- Offer to connect this person to your youth pastor to continue following up and help them connect to a local church.

"I HAVE TRUSTED IN JESUS BEFORE TODAY."

Don't neglect this response! You might find a new Student Leader through this response!

- Message this person within 24 hours to see if they might be interested in joining the Student Leader team at your school!

"I AM NOT INTERESTED."

This one might be a little discouraging sometimes. However, don't ignore these.

- Message this person within 24 hours, thanking them for joining the club meeting!
- Let them know they are always welcome to attend club meetings and offer to talk with them individually if they need to chat or ask any questions.

If you don't get a response to your first message, wait a few days and try again. If there is no response, invite them to your next club meeting and pray they show up!

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Get involved with a local church; we can help you! And keep coming to First Priority.

READ THE BIBLE

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TALK TO GOD

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WHAT IS FIRST PRIORITY?

First Priority is a **Student-Led Club** where students are given the unique opportunity to share the Gospel with their friends and peers at school. First Priority is not meant to be another Bible Study or Youth Group, but a **Christ-Led Movement of the Gospel,** shaping and molding the culture of the next generation for Christ.

WHY FIRST PRIORITY?

At First Priority, we know there are worldly influences that shape the culture of home life, friend circles, social media, and school. These influences are unfortunately guided by personal gain, pride, and sin. As Christ-followers, we want to be influencers of culture from a Godly perspective. We want to share the Hope of Christ so that our friends, family, and peers may also live in the freedom that Christ's love gives us. A problem we face is that adults are not allowed to share Jesus in public schools. This is why we start First Priority Clubs. We allow the local church and faith community to surround and empower students to lead Clubs on their own so they can be the Godly influence and share the Hope of Christ without breaking any rules! First Priority is a tool that equips students to form Clubs in their local schools where we have seen thousands of students reach their peers for Christ across the country!

MISSION AND VISION

The Mission of First Priority is to Take the Hope of Christ to Every Student!
The Vision of First Priority is to Unite the Local Church to Equip Students to Share the Gospel with a Friend. *(Students Reach Students.)*

CORE VALUES

- Gospel-Focused
- Student-Led
- Strategy-Based
- Local Church-Engaged

WHO SHOULD USE THIS TRAINING?

It is recommended that this training be done in a group setting with all of the Club Leaders for the year. We encourage you to read through the training before gathering together, but ultimately walk through all of the materials given to make sure everyone fully understands the expectations of successfully executing a First Priority Club.

We understand that the following material may seem overwhelming, or too much to handle all at once. And that's okay! If you are a Student Leader and you need some help, ask your Club Coach. They are there to help you through!

And Club Coaches, if you ever feel lost or maybe need someone to explain some of the information we cover, don't be afraid to ask your Director or Coordinator.

If you do not have an FP staff member in your community, please reach out to the National Support Center by filling out the form on this page: https://firstpriority.club/club-resources/contact

First Priority wants to see each of you and your Club succeed, which is why we do our best to leave you feeling prepared and ready for the start of the year.

Over the next several pages, we walk you through all the material you need to be able to lead well, so grab your fellow First Priority leaders, and let's dive in!

CORE VALUES: GOSPEL-FOCUSED

THE FOUR GOSPEL FRAMEWORK & THE THICK GOSPEL

These pages demonstrate **The FOUR Framework**, a simple Gospel tool that acts as a guide for you to enter into conversations about the Gospel with your peers. **The Thick Gospel** is how we can dive deeper into the meaning and understanding of the Gospel beyond the main points that The FOUR hits. As you walk through the next section, take your time understanding each component and how you can dig further into the full understanding of the Gospel we are called to share.

Tips for Remembering The FOUR!

1. Write The FOUR steps on your hand.
2. Write The FOUR steps + Bible verses in a favorite notebook for easy reference.
3. Practice sharing The FOUR with your friends.

The Thick Gospel is the Good News for the world that the one true God has fulfilled His past promises to seek and save the lost. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus, the Savior, brings forgiveness of our sins, transformation in the present, and HOPE for the future.

The Heart: God Loves Us

The Division: I Am Separated from God

The Cross: Jesus Rescues Me

The Question Mark: Will You Choose to Follow Jesus?

CORE VALUES: GOSPEL-FOCUSED

THE FOUR GOSPEL FRAMEWORK & THE THICK GOSPEL

THE HEART: God Loves Us
(Genesis 1:27; John 3:16; Romans 8:38-39)

Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Definition: God made us, loves us, and wants us to personally experience His love and purpose for our lives.

Thick Gospel Truths:

- God's love is unconditional and unfailing.
- God sacrificed His one and only Son, so we could have eternal life.
- This Good News of Jesus is for the whole world!

THE DIVISION SIGN: Sin Separates Us
(Romans 3:22 and Isaiah 59:2)

Romans 3:22-23, "There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Definition: When people don't trust God and lean on their own desires, sin produces destruction in their lives.

Thick Gospel Truths:

- God loved the world so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sins.
- The Gospel is the fulfillment of promises God made in the past.
- Through the death of Jesus, we have received HOPE for an eternal future.

THE CROSS: Jesus Rescues Us
(1 Peter 3:8; John 3:16; Romans 5:8)

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Definition: Through turning away from your sin and toward God, and putting your faith in Him, you are given eternal life and your sins are forgiven.

Thick Gospel Truths:

1. The Gospel is the fulfillment of promises God made in the past.
2. The Gospel is about Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.
3. Jesus' death brought forgiveness of our sins and transformation in the present day.
4. Jesus' resurrection gives us HOPE for the future.

THE QUESTION MARK: Will you trust in Jesus?
(John 1:12 and Revelation 3:20)

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

Definition: Faith in Jesus Christ offers you fulfillment and eternal life.

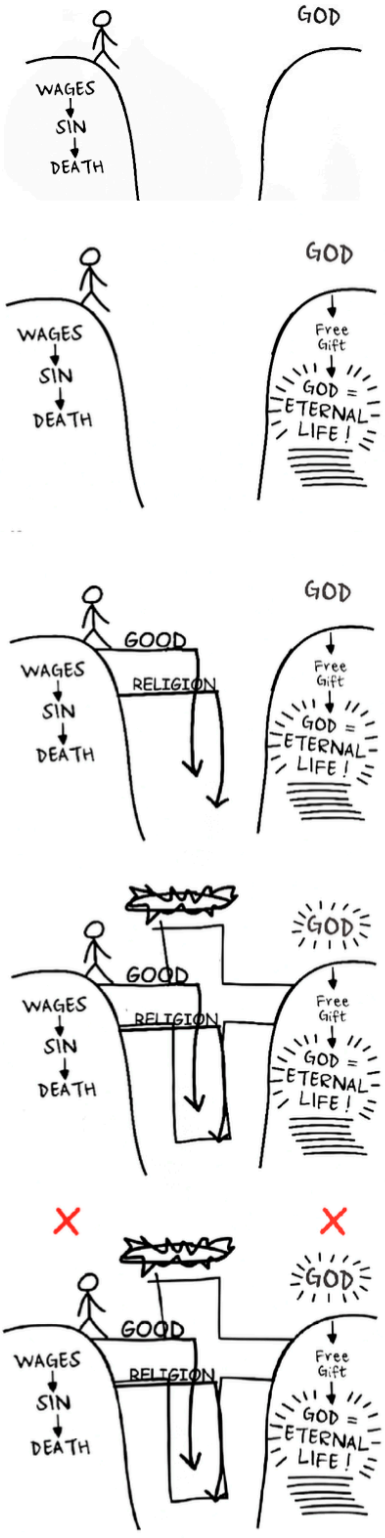
Thick Gospel Truths:

1. The Good News of the Gospel is for everyone. It's for the world!
2. God has fulfilled His past promises to seek and save the lost.
3. Putting our faith in Jesus as our Savior provides forgiveness for our sins. The Gospel of Jesus brings transformation in the present day.
4. The Gospel of Jesus gives HOPE for the future.

CORE VALUES: GOSPEL-FOCUSED

THE BRIDGE

Another way to share the Gospel story is through The Bridge Analogy. We can use The Bridge to illustrate the Gospel story similarly to how we use The FOUR. These two illustrations have the same message and purpose. But as influencers, we can choose which illustration is most effective in our personal network. It might even be a combination of both! Take a look below at The Bridge and the illustration to see how it can help us tell the Gospel story.



God loves us so much that He created us to be close and connected to Him. We are meant to be in a relationship with Him. God is not some distant-being or long-distance friend we talk to when it's convenient. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes In Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.**

Sadly, because of sin, we are separated from God. **"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23** Sin divides us and creates this chasm between us and Him. It keeps us from being connected to who He is. **"For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23.** When we allow sin to control or take over our lives, we find it harder to be close to God and the Goodness He has for us.

But God did not want this to be the end. He knew sin was keeping us from Him so He gave us His Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice to bridge the gap between us. **"But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us." Romans 5:8** Christ died on the cross to give us the only way into Heaven.

The gift of Jesus Christ and His ultimate sacrifice for us is free. The way to God, through Jesus, is not something we have to earn or pay for! To receive the gift of salvation, you must declare Jesus as Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead. "**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God to those who believe in His name." John 1:12.**

CORE VALUES: STUDENT-LED

Why It's Legal:

The 1984 Equal Access Act gives students the right to initiate and lead a Christian Club on campus.

To ensure an 'EPIC' First Priority Club, stick to the four-week plan, promote activities through approved means (like school announcements and personal invitations,) encourage students to share 'The FOUR' individually, avoid mass distribution of flyers without school approval, show kindness to all, and steer clear of conversations involving controversial, non-EPIC Guide content. When we unite around the mission and love people, we follow Christ's model.

First Priority Roles

- Club Coaches
- Faculty Sponsors
- Student Leaders

CLUB COACHES:

- Invest time at the beginning of the year to diagnose Student Leadership skills and maturity levels. Help Student Leaders find the roles they fit whether it is planning, welcoming at the door, speaking, marketing, or follow-up.
- Communicate with leaders via the First Priority Club App 48 hours prior to Club.
- Ensure the Club maintains the integrity of our mission, vision, and strategy.
- Keep students accountable to the follow-up process.
- Submit weekly Club Reports found in the First Priority App.
- Pursue consistent communication with the Club's Faculty Sponsor.
- Ultimately your job is to encourage, equip, and empower students to be on mission at school, first through the FP Club, then in all of life.

Engage the School in a Healthy and Legal Manner:

- Always engage in the sign-in process. Sign in at the front office every time you visit the Club and always wear the school-issued Visitor's I.D.
- Avoid walking the hallways without a student from the Club or a Faculty Sponsor.
- Dress in an appropriate manner that is comparable to what the faculty and staff are required to wear. Our goal is to achieve excellence in all things.
- Connect with the principal and express appreciation for allowing the First Priority Club the status it is due because of Equal Access Act.
- Get to know the administration, front office, and security personnel.

"**Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:2-3.**

FACULTY SPONSORS:

- File Club paperwork with the school administration. FP provides a sample Club Constitution/By-Laws for students to sign so there is unity around the mission of the Club.
- Be present for every meeting and 'on-campus' planning session.
- Be careful not to hold a Club meeting without a representative from the school being present.
- If the Faculty Sponsor is unwilling to participate at this level, you'll need to ask God to provide another Sponsor.
- Make self accessible to the Club Coach for ongoing and consistent communication.
- Register as the Faculty Sponsor in the First Priority App.

STUDENT LEADERS:

Student Leaders are not all speakers! There are 5 roles that we outline, but there are many more ideas you can create and incorporate to strengthen your Club.

- **PROMO**
- **WELCOME**
- **HOST**
- **SPEAKER**
- **FOLLOW-UP**

PROMO

- Promote and communicate Club meetings.
- Act as the Point Person for school announcements, posters, school news, and yearbook.
- Lead content creation for your Club's social media.

"**Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12**

WELCOME

- Set a welcoming environment by greeting students at the door and connecting with new students.
- Coordinate the use of music and food with Faculty Sponsor and Club Mentor.
- Ensure that EVERY student is seen & heard.
- Remind students that they're here on purpose for a purpose.

HOST

- Keep the Club meeting on schedule.
- Open every Club with the Mission and Vision of First Priority, prayer, and (if you have time) a game.
- Introduce the speaker for the day.

SPEAKER

- Teach EPIC Cycle content.
- Preparation is crucial to leading an excellent Club.
- Speak confidently and loudly enough for all to hear.
- Make eye contact with students in the room.
- When appropriate, group students into small groups for further discussion of EPIC resource material.

FOLLOW-UP

- Reach out to students who made a decision in the Club to follow Christ, or want to know more.
- Prioritize active listening, briefly revisiting the Gospel outline, and offering to explore church options together, setting up follow-up meetings over coffee with a student pastor to provide ongoing guidance and support in their journey with Jesus.

Refer to the Follow-up Conversation section of this guide for more information.

"DILIGENT FOLLOW UP AND FOLLOW THROUGH WILL SET YOU APART FROM THE CROWD AND COMMUNICATE EXCELLENCE."
-JOHN MAXWELL

CORE VALUES: STRATEGY-BASED

E.P.I.C. MODEL EXPLAINED
The E.P.I.C. model was adopted to equip Student Leaders with the tools to deepen their understanding of the Gospel and how its truths can be lived out daily. The E.P.I.C. acronym stands for EQUIP / PREPARE / INVITE / CONNECT. Each week of our monthly curriculum will follow one of the four letters to help us learn about the Gospel and how we can share it with others.

WEEK 1: EQUIP
EQUIP Week prepares students with a deeper biblical foundation of the Gospel as it is connected to all of Scripture. From this foundation, you will be equipped with tools to share the Gospel with others. Gospel tools used in Club are meant to grow, strengthen, and equip students with the ability to share the Gospel at any given moment. These tools aid in sharing the Gospel in a practical and easy-to-understand way. At the end of each EQUIP week, Prayer Cards are distributed to remind and prompt students to pray for their friends.

Additional Resource Needed:
- Prayer Cards

WEEK 2: PREPARE
PREPARE Week engages the truths of Scripture with practical tools on how to share the Gospel.

Passion: Students encounter God's Word and why it is their mission.
Pray: Students pray for one another and for friends who need Jesus.
Plan: Students confirm leadership responsibilities for INVITE Week and may even role-play the meeting.
Promote: Student Leaders distribute Invite Cards during this week, so students can invite their friends to next week's Club meeting where a full Gospel message will be taught.

Additional Resource Needed:
- Invite Cards
- My Faith Story Sheet (Testimony Guide)

WEEK 3: INVITE
INVITE Week is a special week at First Priority, where students are encouraged to invite their friends to the Club meeting. The goal for this week is to share the Gospel message so that each student has the chance to put their faith in Jesus. As a Student Leader, you have two options of how you would like to structure this week's message

Option 1: A Student Leader shares the Gospel message using the script provided.
Option 2: A Student Leader shares their testimony.

Additional Resource Needed:
- Student Response Cards

During INVITE Week, we give students the opportunity to respond to the Gospel message shared by handing out Response Cards. These Response Cards are important for following up with students who may have chosen to follow Christ for the first time. The next section dives deeper into the response cards and the Follow-Up Process.

Response Cards and the FOLLOW-UP Process:

The Student Response Cards are an important resource we can use when following up with new friends who attend our Club meetings. The information on these cards provides us with guidance towards the best way to follow up with these new friends who attend. During every INVITE Week, and when the Gospel is shared, be sure to pass out the Response Cards. It is important to keep some Student Response Cards at each meeting in case new people attend.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW ALL OF THESE RESOURCES AND MORE!

CORE VALUES: LOCAL CHURCH-ENGAGED

WEEK 4: CONNECT
CONNECT WEEK FITS PERFECTLY INTO OUR LAST CORE VALUE: LOCAL CHURCH-ENGAGED.

Why the Local Church Matters:
The local church is of immense importance to the spiritual health and well-being of the believer.

"**And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18**

This speaks to the immense importance of the local church. The church is often defined in dictionaries as a building. But the building is just the location where any given church meets. The church is an organized body of Jesus' followers. Being a part of a group of Jesus' followers is important because the local church:

- Reinforces and strengthens the believer's identity in Christ. - Rom.12:5; Gal. 3:28
- Is the context by which the believer is trained to make disciples. - 2 Cor. 5:18-20
- Provides structure and accountability in the life of the believer. - 1 Thes. 2:11; 5:12-13; Heb.13:17

So, what does that mean for our Club?

CONNECT Week will take what students have learned in the previous weeks and help them to connect these truths to their daily lives. The goal for this week is to explore how to live out the Gospel message in community with each other. This would be a great opportunity for your Club to follow up with new members and help them get connected to a local church community.

Additional Resources Needed:
- Student Response Cards *(for follow-up from the week before)*
- A list of local churches *(for interested students to connect with)*

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW ALL OF THESE RESOURCES AND MORE!

"THE LOCAL CHURCH IS NOT AN OPTION IN THE BUFFET LINE OF CHRISTIANITY. IT IS NOT A CHRISTIAN ELECTIVE."
- PASTOR KENNY MORGAN

CALLED TO BE INFLUENCERS FOR CHRIST

First Priority Clubs are not just another Bible Study or Christian Club. We are a Club that trains students to be more confident influencers on their school campuses.

Jesus is the only way to get to God. The way people hear about Jesus is through His people sharing about Him with their friends. Therefore, we need to share our stories and the Gospel with friends at school, so they can experience eternal life.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” - Acts 4:12

We are called to be Influencers.
It is easy to think that being an influencer means you have to have a certain amount of followers or likes on social media. Maybe you think you have to "go viral" before becoming an influencer. While these things may be results of being an influencer, at the core, being an influencer means you have the power and ability to affect someone else's behavior or decisions. Even if it's just one person! We are called, as Christ's followers, to be influencers to those around us, our "social network".

Maybe your social network is just one person, maybe it's your family, or maybe your social network is a sports team.

The reality is, that we all have some sort of social network and influence. God is calling us to be light to those feeling the darkness of this world. ***We call it influencers for the Gospel!*** First Priority needs students and leaders who are called, because called people can influence but influencers are not always called. Take a look at your network, and those around you. Who can you think of that has influence? As believers, we should be using our platform (whatever that may be) to spread the Gospel and grow the Kingdom of God.

Encouragement to the Speakers:
If this is your first time speaking, it's natural to feel nervous. But push through and know that everyone has to start somewhere. You may also begin to be nervous about the content. With practice, preparation, and time, you will overcome this. Lastly, it is extremely common to feel nervous about what other people are thinking and feeling in response to the message or your leadership. But it is important to recognize how the Holy Spirit intends to use you to convey the message and connect with the people in the room where they are. **The Holy Spirit wants to use you, despite if you think you have the ability or not.** Let go of your fears, nerves, and all things holding you back and allow the Holy Spirit to use you as a vessel for the Gospel. ***Ultimately, it is not about the people in the room, it is about how God is working in their lives.***

FOLLOWING UP CONVERSATION

Being an influencer and leader is not just about what you do during Club or “on the stage”. Your leadership continues even outside of the classroom and beyond the Club meeting. One of your most important tasks is following up with new believers. Taking the time to have conversations with students who are new Christians and have recently accepted Christ into their lives could be the pivotal moment in their freshly begun faith journey.

Following up with new attendees can be challenging when we don't know what to say to them. But we have to remember that God and the Holy Spirit will guide us to the words we should say. Below you will find a few tips on the best practices for following up with people who attend.

STUDENT TRUSTS IN JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME

If a fellow student prayed to trust Christ in your meeting, you will want to meet with them, pray for them, and provide them with a First Priority Bible.

You will want someone from your team to follow up with them to talk through any questions they have or the next steps they can take in their journey with Christ. Before you follow up, pray and ask God how you should approach this conversation.

- **Beginning the Conversation:** Begin the conversation by introducing yourself (if you do not know them) and thanking them for attending the previous Club meeting. Let them know you received their Student Response Card. Ask them if it is okay if you pray with them about the faith decision they just made. Most people say yes when someone asks if they can be prayed for. Before you pray, ask if they have anything you can pray for.
- **During the Conversation:** Listen to their story and how they came to make their faith decision. Assure them that they are not alone on this journey and you are here to support them in taking the next steps of faith and ask them if they have any faith questions. Do your best to answer their questions. But if you are unsure of an answer, connect them to a Club Coach, local Youth Pastor, or another First Priority leader for guidance.
- **Ending the Conversation:** Pray for them out loud. Ask if it is okay to put a hand on their shoulder while you pray. The shoulder is non-invasive for most, but some people just do not like to be touched. That is okay. After the prayer, invite them to be a part of the FP community and continue attending your Club meetings each week so they can learn more about Jesus and make new friends who can support them in their faith journey.

Connect Them with a local church Community. One of the biggest things you can do is help new students become connected to a local church community. It is through this community that they will grow deeper in their faith and meet people who can answer their questions and guide them in the right direction. Only go here if you get the sense that they would be open to going deeper already. If you can tell that they are done after the prayer, let them go on their way.

STUDENT WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GOSPEL

If a fellow student indicated on their Student Response Card that they would like more information about the Gospel, follow up with them after your Club meeting.

When you meet with them, listen to their story and seek to know how they came to faith.

Ask them if they have any questions. Do your best to answer their questions but if you are unsure of an answer, connect them to a Club Coach, local Youth Pastor, or another First Priority leader to help.

Always ask if you can pray for them before ending the conversation. Walk through a moment of prayer using the prayer guide in the previous section.

STUDENT HAS ALREADY TRUSTED IN JESUS BEFORE TODAY

If a student trusts in Jesus already but is not involved with a First Priority Club, this may be the perfect time to extend hospitality to them and invite them to join your First Priority community.

Ask them if they have any questions about the Club and offer to meet them at the next Club meeting. This will help lessen any anxiety they may have about attending and give them a familiar face to connect with when they attend.

STUDENT IS NOT INTERESTED

If a student indicates on their Student Response Card that they aren't interested, you may be tempted to not follow up with them. But in order to effectively show the love of Christ to every student, we should extend hospitality even to those who may not respond.

Reach out to this student following the Club meeting and simply thank them for attending the First Priority meeting that week.

If they have any questions, do your best to answer them. If you are unsure of an answer, connect them to a Club Coach, local Youth Pastor, or another First Priority leader to help.

Let them know that you are praying for them and they are welcome to attend a First Priority Club at any time.

PLAN YOUR YEAR

When planning your schedule for this year's EPIC guide, there are a few things we want to remind you about. First Priority Clubs are all about reaching students with the Hope of Christ, and if you are familiar with the EPIC cycle, you know that INVITE Week (the third week of every month) is the week we encourage students to invite as many friends as they can to the Club!

INVITE Weeks are so important to spreading the Gospel which is why we encourage you to s**chedule your EPIC Cycle to have as many INVITE Weeks as possible!** We know it can be tricky with school breaks/holidays/etc, so you may want to sit down with your Club Coach to talk about how to best plan your year! If time allows, prepare a game in advance. Check our resource page for game suggestions (www.firstpriority.club/resources). This way, you'll have ample time to seek out an alternative if needed.

Don't forget, INVITE Weeks are also a good time to plan different parties or special events that may be happening!

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING
See the Monthly Planning Guide.
Each month, your leadership team should host a monthly planning meeting. During this time, plan out your lesson schedule and leadership roles, and go over leadership development skills using the leadership training videos and guide on our website (www.firstpriority.club/resources). Use the Monthly Planning Page and the Planning Guide to prayerfully plan out the lesson and meeting schedule for each month! As you are planning each month, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your decisions and timing for the lessons and months you choose to use. (Tip: If a week has a holiday, you can use INVITE Week and plan a special event to draw students in!)

PLAN YOUR ROLES
See the Monthly Planning Guide.
During your monthly planning meetings, your team should be planning the leadership roles for the upcoming month. Think about how your leadership team can best fulfill all the roles and use their God-given talents and abilities to further His Kingdom. Take into consideration the strengths and weaknesses of each leader, as well as provide encouragement to those who may not feel “fit for the task”. Use the Leader Planning Guide to help you plan each essential role!

PLAN YOUR CYCLE
See Cycle Guide.
Planning the 4-week cycle is an essential part of ensuring that First Priority Clubs run effectively throughout the school year. While each month is designed with a specific cycle in mind, we recognize that school schedules vary due to holidays, breaks, and special events. For this reason, it’s important for Student Leaders to review their school calendar and make necessary adjustments to stay on track. The exact dates or weeks may shift, but the goal is to maintain the rhythm of the cycle throughout the year. We provide a suggested monthly cycle to help guide your planning, but we also encourage Student Leaders to exercise situational leadership, adapting as needed to meet the unique needs of their school and peers.

Flexibility, paired with intentionality, will ensure every student has the opportunity to engage with the Club, grow in their faith, and connect with the local church.

GOSPEL PRESENTATION GUIDE

INVITE WEEK

Use this guide as an outline for sharing your story and God's story during INVITE Week. During Prepare Weeks, we work on preparing and writing our stories to be able to share with our friends and peers. INVITE Week is one of those opportunities! Be creative, share your heart, and as always, if you need help, just ask!

GOD'S LOVE: HIS PURPOSE

God wants to live in a relationship with us eternally. God loves you, and He wants you to have an intimate, personal relationship with Him and to walk eternally with Him. His desire is for you to "have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10), and to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5: 22-23). Since God created us for a relationship with Him and to have eternal life, why are many not enjoying this experience?

OUR PROBLEM: SIN AND SEPARATION

Everyone sins. Everyone does things that presumably makes them happy when in the end it is something that leaves them feeling empty. As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one" (Romans 3:10-12, 23 NIV). Our sin separates us from God. The price (or consequence) of sin is death.

GOD'S PROVISION: THE CROSS

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem of separation from God. He died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay the penalty for our sins, to completely bridge the gap between God and us. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIV). God has provided the only way, and we must follow that way. Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us not guilty of offending Him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His grace freely takes away our sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23 NIV).

OUR RESPONSE: RECEIVE CHRIST

We can receive Jesus Christ when we believe in who He is and what He has done and trust in Him alone to save us. "For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation."(Romans 10:9-10, NIV).

GOSPEL PRESENTATION GUIDE

LEADER TIP:
This next section is meant to be interactive. Just as we do each week, the Tool Time is the chance to put everything we have learned into action. Try to make this a time for discussion, interaction, or application. (Don't feel like you have to, but as always, be creative!)

HOW TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF CHRIST:

1) Admit your need (I am a sinner).

2) Be willing to turn (repent) from your sins and lifestyle to begin to understand that by living differently your life will bring **John 10:10** (live to its fullest) and **Galatians 5:22** (Fruit of the Spirit) to life for you.

3) Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave before you begin to understand it; **it is not what you do but what He has done.**

4) Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (receive Him as your Savior). This isn't a one-and-done thing; it is a daily process to work out your salvation with fear and trembling **(Philippians 2:12)**.

WHAT TO PRAY:
Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. I believe You died to pay the penalty for my sin. I want to turn from my false belief about who I am (sinful nature) and fill my life with You instead. My way of living has left me empty. I invite You to come into my heart and live. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LEADER TIP: **During the response time, you may want to play a song for the students to listen to as they are filling out the response cards and leaving Club.**

MY FAITH STORY - TESTIMONY GUIDE

HOW TO WRITE YOUR TESTIMONY

1. Start with a Keyword
The first step in writing your Faith Story is choosing what keywords describe your life before Christ. If you have been going to church for a while, maybe you have always known who Christ is. Describe a time when it was hard to see God actively working in your life. Below is a list of emotions. Circle two or three that adequately describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced from the absence of Christ in your life. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to chose a keyword of your own! This part helps keep your story compelling and on track.

Life before Christ or without Christ's Presence:

abandoned	ashamed	distrusting	heartbroken	lost	unforgiving
alienated	betrayed	doubtful	hopeless	outcast	unloved
alone	bitter	fearful	hurt	prideful	
angry	confused	frustrated	insecure	rejected	
apathetic	depressed	guilty	lonely	uncertain	

2. Set up the Background
Now describe the situation in which you came to face this problem and why your keyword describes the way you felt. It is more important to be honest than dramatic. This helps people to relate with your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives. Use the back of this sheet or a piece of notebook paper.

3. Share How Jesus Entered Your Story
Now describe how you came to know Jesus or how He made Himself known in your life again. How you began to feel Him working. Be sure to describe that moment or that process, if you can, with adjectives that show how meaningful and impactful that it was for you. Try to describe how Jesus touched your heart and how you responded, such as asking Him to be your Lord and Savior. This part challenges people's idea of what God is like.

4. State the Impact of Christ on your Life
Now describe how Christ impacted your problem and your life. Use the emotion opposite of your keyword and share how Christ either reversed your problem or is continually giving you the power to overcome. This is the part that inspires those listening to place their hope Christ!

Life after Christ and with Christ's Presence:

belonging	cherished	forgiven	humble	patient	self-acceptance	understanding
called	excited	full	joyful	peaceful	surrounded	wanted
caring	fearless	happy	loved	proud	thankful	
certain	forgiving	hopeful	loving	purposeful	trusting	

This Moment Matters

My Response to the Gospel Message:

- ☐ Today, I trusted in Jesus for the first time.
- ☐ Today, I reaffirmed my faith in Jesus.
- ☐ I would like more information about the Gospel.
- ☐ I have already trusted in Jesus before today.
- ☐ I am not interested.

My Name: _____

What Church (if any) Do You Attend? _____

Who Invited You to First Priority? _____

Is This Your First Time Attending First Priority? ☐ YES ☐ NO

This Moment Matters

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MONTHLY PLANNING GUIDE

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Use the Monthly Planning Guide found on the next two pages to get started!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW ALL OF THESE RESOURCES AND MORE!

AUGUST

EVANGELISM

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

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SEPTEMBER

GOD'S LOVE

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

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OCTOBER

WHAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

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NOVEMBER

GOD'S WORK ON THE CROSS

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

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DECEMBER

OUR RESPONSE TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

Consider using the Candy Cane Gospel Tool during one of your meetings or INVITE Week.

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JANUARY

THE LOVE OF GOD

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

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FEBRUARY

SIN

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

Consider introducing the "You Are God's Valentine" Gospel Tool during one of your meetings or INVITE Week.

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MARCH

THE PAYMENT FOR OUR SIN

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

If your Club has been using The FOUR all year and is starting to feel a bit repetitive, consider exploring the other Gospel Tools on our Resource Page!

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APRIL

WHAT WE DO WITH JESUS

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

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MAY

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

LEADER MEETING: _____

EQUIP WEEK: _____

PREPARE WEEK: _____

INVITE WEEK: _____

CONNECT WEEK: _____

End of Year Planning Meeting (This meeting should be intentional about reviewing the year and planning for the summer and upcoming fall).

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FIRST PRIORITY CLUB
STUDENT LEADER COMMITMENT

- Be a positive example at school and committed to a Christian Lifestyle.
- Develop a passion to reach your friends through your First Priority Club.
- Plan and carry out the First Priority monthly strategy.
- Use your influence to keep the club focused on outreach.
- If denominational/church issues come up, encourage unity and lead students to talk with local church leadership.
- Encourage new believers to grow in their relationship with God.
- Maintain an active and healthy relationship in a local church.
    - Name of Church: _____
    - Youth Leader's Name: _____
- Please use the "YOUR FAITH STORY" sheet to write out how you came to know Jesus as your Savior and the difference that He has made in your life.

Thank you for your desire to reach your school for Christ! God has put together a winning team at your school and we ask that you work together with your Faculty Sponsor and Campus Coach to carry out the EPIC game plan so that you can accomplish your mission.

I AGREE TO THE GUIDELINES ABOVE AND COMMIT TO SERVE THE FIRST PRIORITY CLUB AT:

_____
(NAME OF SCHOOL)

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(SIGNATURE)

NAME: _____

PHONE #:_____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WE BELIEVE GOD LOVES MANKIND SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE: HIS SON, JESUS, TO RESTORE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD; HIS SPIRIT, TO EMPOWER BELIEVERS TO LIVE HOLY LIVES; HIS WORD, TO BE THE WRITTEN SOURCE OF ABSOLUTE TRUTH; HIS COMMISSION, TO PROCLAIM CHRIST'S SINLESS LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION TO ALL; HIS CHURCH, TO EQUIP BELIEVERS TO REACH THE WORLD.

FIRST PRIORITY CLUB
CLUB COACH COMMITMENT

- Meet with the Student Leadership Team and Faculty Sponsor for planning meetings to advise in implementing the First Priority club strategy.
- Provide First Priority resources available for clubs upon request.
- Encourage new Christian students to follow through with friends in the follow-up process.
- Be involved with First Priority network meetings and communicate regularly with your First Priority Director.
- As the Student Leadership Team initiates conversations with you relating to the club, always encourage the leadership to fulfill the purpose they committed to in their Club Constitution and to discuss any denominational issues with their local church.
- Involve your church in the ministry of First Priority by developing prayer initiatives, supporting through missions giving, providing volunteers for events and helping us find potential Campus Coaches and Priority Parents.
- Be a follower of Jesus Christ and maintain an active relationship in a local church that is in agreement with our statement of faith, avoiding disqualifying behavior that Scripture forbids (Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10), and setting a positive biblical example “in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12, c.f. Galatians 5:22-25).
- Follow the Two Adult Rule at all times. If one supervising adult must leave a group of students, another volunteer or employee must be notified so that the Two Adult Rule can be followed. If two individuals serving in a room are related to one another, a third unrelated volunteer or staff member must be present.

I AGREE TO THE GUIDELINES ABOVE AND COMMIT TO SERVE THE FIRST PRIORITY CLUB AT:

_____

(NAME OF SCHOOL)

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(SIGNATURE)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____

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FIRST PRIORITY CLUB
TEACHER SPONSOR COMMITMENT

- Attend all club meetings as required under the Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. 4071-74).
- Be aware of school regulations to make sure the club functions in accordance with policies and procedures and submit a club constitution to your administration, completed at your first meeting.
- Act as a liaison on behalf of the students to the school administration.
- Make sure the meeting room is open and ready before weekly meetings.
- Attend planning meetings as a chaperone/observer.
- Seek to understand the purpose of a First Priority club so you may be an informed chaperone/observer.
- Provide printed resources for students.
- Keep an accurate record of attendance, which will assist in follow through with students. Your administration may also request a copy.

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RESOURCES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Disclaimer: This is meant to be a sample calendar list of dates and ideas that your Club can incorporate for special events, or special INVITE weeks. But be mindful that not all dates or opportunities will work for your Club. **Do what is best for your Club and ask for help from your Club Coach and Faculty Sponsor when needed!**

Throughout the year:

- Choose a week during the school year for the **STAY Material.**
- Plan **parties** and **special events** during INVITE Weeks to draw new Club members in.
- Talk with your Faculty Sponsor about **school breaks**, **assembly schedules**, and other dates that might interrupt your 4-week cycle to best prepare for a successful year!

September

- **September 24th, 2025: See You At The Pole**
  - For more information visit SYATP.com

November

- **November 17th-24th, 2025: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party | Drop-Off Week**
  - Host a packing party during an INVITE Week before *(Before Nov. 17th-24th)*
  - Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week *(Nov. 17th-24th)*
- **Thanksgiving Party** (Host during INVITE Week)

December

- **Christmas Party** INVITE Week push

During Christmastime, we know there are lots of schedule changes, breaks, assemblies and other things that can interrupt or interfere with your Club schedule. Make sure to prioritize INVITE Week and specifically push students to invite as many people as they can to Club.

March

- **Easter** INVITE Week Push

During springtime, we know there are lots of schedule changes, breaks, assemblies, and other things that can interrupt or interfere with your Club schedule. Make sure to prioritize INVITE Week and specifically push students to invite as many people as they can to Club.

April

- **April 7th-11th, 2026: National Assistant Principal Appreciation Week**

May

- **May 7th, 2026: National Day of Prayer**
  - For more information visit nationaldayofprayer.org
- **May 1st, 2026: National Principal Appreciation Day**
- **May 4th-8th, 2026: National Teacher Appreciation Week.**

At the end of the school year, don't forget to fill out a 5 STARS Club Evaluation.

GET INVOLVED!

The First Priority App
Welcome to the First Priority App - the ultimate tool for staying connected and informed. With Club Updates, EPIC resources, and even leadership training, it's your go-to for staying involved and up to date. Download now and stay in the loop!

Visit **www.firstpriority.club/app** or scan the QR code now to get started.

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE FP CLUB APP TODAY!

Student Leader Scholarship
Does your Club have any seniors who are looking for college or post-high school scholarships? First Priority offers scholarships to graduating seniors who model Christ and have shown outstanding leadership through their time with First Priority! The application deadline is in the Spring (stay tuned for dates!) so be sure to announce this awesome opportunity to all the Club Seniors! Scan the QR code to apply!

SCAN TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP!

The First Priority Podcast
Did you know First Priority releases a podcast about different leadership tips, Club news, and more? If you want to get involved and hear more about First Priority in other areas, be sure to check out the podcast! Scan the QR code to listen to the latest episode!

SCAN TO LISTEN TO THE LATEST FP PODCAST!

The First Priority Alumni Association
Are you graduating this year? We're here to support you! By becoming a member of our Alumni Association, you'll enjoy benefits such as:

- Connection with Classmates: Connect with former FP alumni from across the country who share your passion for making a difference!
- Church Community: Whether you're moving or seeking local connections, we can help you find a church community to support you
- Career Opportunities: Looking for a job? We'd love to help you find career opportunities from businesses within our network that value the leadership and dedication fostered by FP Clubs!
- Club Opportunities: Give back by volunteering with FP Clubs in your area where you can mentor and support the next generation of leaders

SCAN TO JOIN THE ALUMNI PROGRAM!

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

For Information, visit SYATP.com!

See You At the Pole (SYATP), the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grassroots movement with ten students praying at their school. Decades later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.

DOWNLOAD THE SYATP APP!
Check out the SYATP mobile app, available on iOS and Android. Search SYATP in the App Store or Google Play Store.

PREPARE FOR SYATP

There are several things you can be thinking about as you prepare for SYATP.

- Inform your Principal about See You at the Pole.
- Decide on the time you will begin on your campus. The publicized time of 7am or another time?
- Decide where you will gather on your campus.
- Make a plan for weather issues.
- Invite Christian organizations on your campus
- Help students to promote See You at the Pole™

SCAN TO ACCESS SYATP RESOURCES

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WHAT IS IT?

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an International Relief Organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse ships these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease, and to children living on Native American reservations in the United States.

HOW CAN MY CLUB GET INVOLVED?

Your Club can participate in this ministry by having a one-time packing party! This event will be done during our INVITE Week (because the packing party includes sharing the Gospel) in November. Shoe-box drop-off is November 17th-24th, 2025, so please plan your INVITE Week accordingly!

Visit www.firstpriority.club/occ or scan the QR code.

SCAN TO VIEW THE PACKING PARTY CHECKLIST

STAY



Choose a week during your school year to use the STAY material.

WHAT IS STAY?
STAY is a suicide prevention campaign that you can use in your Clubs.

HOW TO INCORPORATE STAY INTO YOUR CLUB?
Use the STAY materials to teach your Club and share with each of them how important they are to the kingdom of God. Share with them that God has a purpose for them here on earth.

- Find the materials by scanning the QR code
- Student leader, prepare and present the STAY materials during your normal Club time.

WHY IS STAY IMPORTANT?
Sharing STAY with your Club is a tool you can use to combat against the epidemic of suicide. STAY isn't going to prevent suicide on its own, but it helps equip you and your peers when you are faced with the heavy conversations and challenges of suicide in this generation.

SCAN HERE TO VIEW THE "STAY" RESOURCES!

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The First Priority Club of _____ School.

Article II – Purpose of the Club
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3. To increase the self-esteem and moral foundation of peers, while discouraging premarital sex, substance abuse, bullying, violence, suicide, and more, so that each member will develop a greater respect for the authority placed over them and pursue a lifestyle consistent with that outlined in the Bible.

Article III – Qualifications of the Members
Club membership is open to any student in this school who agrees with and is able to comply with the stated guidelines in this Constitution/By-Laws, provided there is no attempt by them to disrupt the meeting. Membership is equated to consistent attendance and participation in the club.

Article IV – Student Leadership
- Our club may or may not have individuals holding positions of office, depending on our school's requirements.
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4. Our four-week rotation of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow, apply their personal faith, and enhance their relationships with friends and family.
5. Our meetings encourage students to invite their peers to be a part of an exciting club that assembles in a respectful and friendly atmosphere.

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EPIC FOLLOW-UP GUIDE

The story of Jesus and the Church Community



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WHAT IS A FOLLOW-UP GUIDE?

We all know that following up with someone who is interested in taking their next step of following Jesus is important. A Follow-Up Guide is an intentional strategy to help student leaders mentor their peers who want to take the next step.

The focus of this guide is to help students learn the story of Jesus and the story of the church community.

This guide is also accessible on the YouVersion Bible app by searching "First Priority Follow-Up Guide" or scanning the QR code on the front of this guide.

Student leaders who are following up with their peers can help them become strong in their faith by knowing the story of Jesus and getting connected to a church community.

LAYOUT OF THIS GUIDE

This guide is designed for ten days. That does not mean that it has to be completed in ten days consecutively, but rather ten intentional meetings. Each week will have the following:

 **WATCH**

This section will have a Bible Project video to watch together.

 **READ**

This section has Bible verses to read together.

 **BIG IDEA**

This section has the big idea to discuss.

 **PERSONAL QUESTIONS**

This section will have personal questions for reflection.

 **COMMUNITY QUESTIONS**

This section will have questions to discuss.

 **GOING DEEPER**

This section will have questions to help you go deeper in your faith.

TRAINING LEADERS

PLAN

Students should plan out the following:

- Identify the person that will be going through this guide.
- Get their commitment to do all ten lessons.
- Decide on a day, time, and location to meet weekly until you finish the plan.

TIPS

- Be in prayer - pray for the person.
- Listen - listen to their story and their questions.
- Eat - make food, coffee, or snacks a part of the meetings.
- Serve - find ways you can help the person with things they are struggling with or need help with.
- Share - share your personal story of following Jesus as you have the opportunity.

THE STORY OF JESUS

DAY 1

WATCH

Watch this video from the Bible Project.

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 1-2

READ

Read the following Bible verses together:
Luke 1:1-4 • Luke 1:26-38 • Luke 2:8-14 • Luke 2:25-35 • Luke 2:41-52

BIG IDEA

God sent Jesus to bring salvation by turning our world upside down.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Jesus did not come to earth in the way that the Jewish people expected. In what ways has God shown up in your life that were also unexpected?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

As we will soon read, Jesus' ministry on earth and plan for salvation turned the world upside down. But even before His ministry began, what details of Jesus' birth narrative already started turning the world upside down?

GOING DEEPER

Did you know there are 44 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament that Jesus fulfilled in the New Testament? While these prophecies are spread throughout multiple books in the Old Testament, many of them can be found in the book of Isaiah. Read through the book of Isaiah and highlight the prophecies you encounter about Jesus.

THE STORY OF JESUS

DAY 2

WATCH

Watch this video from the Bible Project.

The Baptism of Jesus: Luke 3-9

READ

Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Luke 4:1-22 • Luke 4:42-44 • Luke 5:27-32 • Luke 6:12-49 • Luke 7:36-50 • Luke 9:1-6

BIG IDEA

Jesus brought Good News that frees us.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Jesus came to rescue everyone including the poor, marginalized, and outsiders of society. Have you ever felt like an outsider? How is God freeing and renewing you currently?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

In what ways is the Kingdom of God radically different from any other kingdom that has existed before?

GOING DEEPER

Read Isaiah 61:1-2. Why do you think Jesus chose to read that passage while at the synagogue? What is the significance of that passage?

THE STORY OF JESUS

DAY 3

WATCH
Watch this video from the Bible Project.

The Prodigal Son: Luke 9-19

READ
Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Luke 9:23-26 • Luke 8:9-15 • Luke 11:1-4 • Luke 15 • Luke 17:1-5

BIG IDEA
Jesus taught us how to live a life to the fullest.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS
How does this parable support or challenge the way you view God as a Father?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS
Jesus calls out the religious leaders for ostracizing the poor, sick, and sinful. Why do you think Jesus was so hard on them? How was the way of life for a typical religious leader different from what Jesus modeled?

GOING DEEPER
Reread the parable of the Prodigal Son. This story sets apart the one true God (represented by the father in the parable) from all other gods of other religions. While other religions are about striving to attain the favor of a distant god, what makes our God so radically different? How does the father react when his wayward son returns home? How does this tie into the gospel?

THE STORY OF JESUS

DAY 4

WATCH

Watch this video from the Bible Project.

The Crucifixion of Jesus: Luke 19-23

READ

Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Luke 19:28-48 • Luke 20:1-18 • Luke 21:1-19 • Luke 22:1-22
Luke 22:39-71 • Luke 23

BIG IDEA

Submitting to the way of Jesus is the opposite way of the world.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Reread the passage where the criminal Barabbas is released while Jesus is sentenced to death. How does this foreshadow what Jesus ultimately did for you?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

Why did Jesus have mercy on those who were involved in murdering Him, to the point where He even asked God to forgive them?

GOING DEEPER

Read Exodus chapter 12:1-11, then reread the passage where Jesus celebrates Passover with His disciples. In what ways did Jesus ultimately become the fulfillment to the Jewish tradition of Passover?

THE STORY OF JESUS

DAY 5

WATCH

Watch this video from the Bible Project.

The Resurrection of Jesus: Luke 24

READ

Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Luke 24

BIG IDEA

Jesus' kingship was revealed through the breaking of His body and pouring out of His love.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

Jesus went the extra mile to not only reveal Himself to his disciples, but to show them His scars, eat with them, and remind them of His fulfillment of the Scriptures. He loved His disciples and wanted them to understand all He had done. In what ways has Jesus revealed Himself to you in your life?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

The Kingdom of God, which Jesus perfectly demonstrates during His ministry on earth, values humility and self-sacrifice. How is this at odds with the typical values of the world in which we live? Why can it be so difficult for us to follow Jesus' way of living?

GOING DEEPER

Jesus rises from the dead, transforming His lifeless broken body into a new creation. He wants the same for us when we make Him the Lord and Savior of our lives. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. In what ways has God begun to make you into a new creation?

DAY 6

Pentecost: Acts 1-7

WATCH
Watch this video from the Bible Project.

READ
Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Acts 1:1-11 • Acts 2:1-4 • Acts 2:36-47

BIG IDEA
Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to build the Kingdom of God through the church community.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS
The Holy Spirit turned disciples of Jesus into "mobile temples where God now dwells." How does it feel to think of yourself carrying the presence of God with you - scared, excited, nervous? There is no wrong answer, just be honest with God about it.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS
Did you know that one of Jesus' main goals was (and still is) connecting people from all cultures and nations? When the Holy Spirit fell on the people in the upper room, He gave them the ability to speak one another's language so that they could share their faith in God and connect with one another. How do you feel knowing that God loves everyone equally and considers us all His children that He wants to unite?

GOING DEEPER
The disciples and apostles were attacked from the outside because of their faith in Jesus and the desire to help others. How do you feel attacked/influenced from the outside (peer pressure, social media, etc.)? Do you believe that God wants to help you, not punish you, when you feel attacked/influenced? How can you welcome Jesus and others to help you in fighting against those attacks? Read John 16:33.

DAY 7

The Apostle Paul: Acts 8-12

WATCH
Watch this video from the Bible Project.

READ
Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Acts 8:1-4 • Acts 2:1-4 • Acts 2:36-47

BIG IDEA
The church community includes all people.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS
For a long time, Jewish people considered non-Jewish people unclean. God made it clear that He considers everyone who follows Him clean and forgiven of their sins. How does it feel knowing God sees you the same way?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS
How do you see God still uniting people today? What are some ways that we can try to connect with people who aren't like us?

GOING DEEPER
Saul was a man who fought against Christians, hunting down and arresting them. When Saul had an encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, Jesus changed Saul's name to Paul. Paul was a believer in Jesus who began fighting for Christians instead of against them. In Paul's many letters in the Bible, we see that his personality didn't necessarily change once he became a believer in Jesus, he just started fighting for a different cause. Becoming a believer in Jesus doesn't mean that you have to completely change who you are.

Jesus already knows who you truly are and wants to help you use your strengths for good in His kingdom. You can be who you are with Jesus on your side. Read Psalm 139:14.

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DAY 8

Paul's Missionary Journeys: Acts 13-20

WATCH
Watch this video from the Bible Project.

READ
Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Acts 13:1-4 • Acts 14:21-28 • Acts 18:1-11

BIG IDEA
How Paul started communities in cities across the Roman Empire.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS
A big part of Paul's message was telling people that there was a new King who wasn't mean or selfish. Instead, He was a loving and selfless king named Jesus. How has Jesus shown up in your life to show that He loves and cares about you unconditionally?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS
Paul traveled across countries and continents telling people about Jesus. Without having to make travel plans, what are simple ways that you can share the good news of Jesus with the people around you?

GOING DEEPER
The love of Jesus creates communities where all people are equal. Jesus doesn't rank people based on the color of their skin, the kind of clothes they wear, or the amount of money they have. Jesus loves everyone equally and died for everyone for that reason. It can sometimes be hard to see people the way that Jesus does.

Sometimes we want to rank people based on what they look like or the kind of life they live. Today, consider how you can start learning to see and love others the way that Jesus does: equally.

DAY 9

Bound for Rome: Acts 21-28

WATCH
Watch this video from the Bible Project.

READ
Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Acts 21:1-40 • Acts 28:1-30

BIG IDEA
How Paul started communities in cities across the Roman Empire.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS
God changed Saul's name to Paul. This helped Paul to see that God really had forgiven and forgotten the sins of his past and saw him as a new person. What in your life do you struggle to believe that God can forgive you for? Do you believe that God looks at you and sees His child that He loves, not your mistakes?

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS
What are some ways that you can share the good news of Jesus in everyday life? How does it feel to know that being a part of the kingdom of God means being a part of something that is global and has been around for centuries?

GOING DEEPER
Because the disciples were willing to risk being rejected, the gospel was spread throughout the country and world. Without their willingness to speak up, those people may have never learned the good news of Jesus.

The same is true for you. Someone was willing to share the good news of the gospel which can change your life, or maybe it already has. You have the potential to be the person that changes someone's life in the same way. That doesn't mean you have to start preaching to everyone you meet; it just means allowing Jesus to become a part of your everyday life and conversations and watch how He wants to introduce Himself to the people in your life.

NEXT STEPS

DAY 10

 **READ**

Choose some of the Bible verses to read together:
Hebrews 10:19-23 • Proverbs 3:5-6

 **PERSONAL QUESTIONS**

1. Have you already begun a relationship with God? Challenge: What are some actions you can take to grow closer to Him? Read Hebrews 10:19-23

2. What do you hear God saying? Challenge: What should you do about it? Proverbs 3:5-6

3. If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, what is holding you back? Challenge: Have an honest conversation with God about it and find someone to discuss it with.

4. Are you connected to a youth group? Challenge: Ask a friend to help you find a youth group where you can be a part of a community and grow in your relationship with God.

FULL EPIC LESSONS
MONTH 2 + ON

PLANNING GUIDE

GOD'S LOVE

First, let's evaluate! How did the last EPIC cycle go? Use the 5-Star Club Evaluation to spot any problem areas.

Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: God's love is unconditional and never changes, no matter what what challenges we face.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The Four Materials.

Verses to Have Ready: John 3:16; Romans 8:38-39; 1 John 4:16; and Psalm 16:11.

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PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: We can prepare to share our faith by practicing with friends and using the My Faith Story sheet to write out our testimony.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: John 3:16 and Psalm 18:2.

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SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW-UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Despite our struggles, mistakes, and the pain we experience, God offers us hope through Jesus.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: John 3:16. For Gospel Presentation: Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23a; Romans 6:23b; Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9; and Romans 10:13.

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SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW-UP _____

CONNECT WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Connecting with the local church, a faith community, and, most importantly, to Christ is the best way to deepen our relationship with God.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be "Local Church-Engaged."

Verses to Have Ready: John 3:16 and 1 John 3:1a.

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FOLLOW-UP _____

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Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

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Key Takeaway: God's love is unconditional and never changes, no matter what we do or what challenges we face. The FOUR is a simple way to help us share this incredible love with others, starting with the truth that God loves each of us completely. When we understand His love, we can confidently share it with those around us through our words and actions.

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Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Lord, we are grateful for the chance to gather here and learn more about you.

Before we continue, let's take a moment of silence to lift up the names of friends or loved ones who don't know you as their Savior. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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Announcement Suggestions:

- This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.
- Check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for PREPARE Week by reviewing the Planning Guide at the beginning of this month.

Leader Tip: **Use the First Priority Club App to keep Leader Roles organized so you can reference this list on the go!**

SEE AVAILABLE
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GOD'S LOVE

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Verses to Have Ready: John 3:16 and Psalm 18:2.

Key Takeaway: God's love gives us comfort and strength! We can prepare to share our faith by practicing with friends and using the My Faith Story sheet to write out our testimony. Your story is a powerful way to share God's love and give hope to others. By reflecting on your life before Christ, how you encountered Him, and how He has changed you, you can help others see His love in action.

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

Student Testimony - Optional. If no student is prepared, do not worry! Keep walking through this each month. Consider having the Student Leadership team go first to set the tone for the rest of the Club. Remember: time management is key to good leadership. If you have 2 students sharing their testimony this week, you will not have time for much else. That is okay. Testimonies can be life-changing and that is why we are here.

MEMORY VERSE: John 3:16 (NIV) - "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."

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

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Start with what life was like without Christ—your struggles or things that you felt were missing. Then, talk about the moment Jesus became real to you—through an event, a person, or a realization. Finally, share how He's transformed your life—how faith gives you hope and direction now.

Today, let's kick things off by exploring the first part: What life was like without Jesus?

At the top of the page, you'll see a list of suggested words that can serve as your 'keyword' to describe your life before you met Jesus. You might find one that perfectly fits, or you might not see one that describes you. If not, don't worry! You can pick a different word.

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Now, let's move on to Section 2 on the worksheet, where you'll be asked to 'set up the background'. This is where you can start explaining how the word or phrase you chose relates to you. For instance, if you picked the word 'rejected', describe how you felt rejected, who rejected you, and what you tried to do to feel accepted.

Remember, your story is powerful. Take some time to pray, choose a keyword, and then write down how it once described you. Then share it with someone here—it might be exactly what they need to hear!

Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend during the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: GOD'S LOVE: A SOURCE OF COMFORT AND STRENGTH - 9 MINUTES

You might not see it this way now, but your story has the power to provide comfort and strength to people who need hope. The book of Psalms is filled with reassurance that God is in control even today. Let's take a look.

Psalm 18:2 (NIV) - "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

As students, we often face various challenges and struggles that can leave us feeling overwhelmed and drained. In moments of difficulty, it is essential to remember that we have a heavenly Father whose love serves as a constant source of comfort and strength. God's love is a safe place where we can go for comfort and find strength because He always cares for us.

In Psalm 18:2, King David beautifully expresses his reliance on God's love and protection. He refers to the Lord as his rock, fortress, and deliverer. This imagery reminds us that God's love is solid and unchanging, providing a firm foundation amidst the uncertainties of life. When we face adversity, we can seek shelter in God, knowing that He is our refuge and strength.

God's love brings comfort in the midst of trials. It assures us that we are not alone, and we can cast our anxieties upon Him because He cares for us according to 1 Peter 5:7. When we feel overwhelmed, we can find rest in God's loving arms, knowing that He will carry our burdens and provide the peace that surpasses all understanding.
If time allows, read Philippians 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:7 to dive deeper into the above section.

Additionally, God's love empowers us to face challenges with renewed strength. The Apostle Paul affirms this in **Philippians 4:13 (NIV)**, saying, "I can do all this through Him [Christ] who gives me strength." When we embrace God's love, we tap into a divine source of strength that enables us to overcome obstacles and accomplish what may seem impossible.

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does recognizing God's love as a source of comfort impact the way we handle difficulties in our lives?
2. In what ways can we actively turn to God's love for help during challenging seasons?
3. How can we remind ourselves daily of God's love and draw strength from it as we navigate the demands of being a student?
4. How does this insight from scripture give insight to your testimony? Consider writing more of your story based on this information.

Invite Cards: Have Student Leaders pass out Invite Cards to students.

Before we leave the Club, we're going to take a moment to fill out the Invite Cards we provided. Make sure to write down all the details clearly so they're ready to hand out. Once you're done, use them to invite your friends and classmates to join us next time!

Leader Tip: **Give students a moment to fill out Invite Cards and ask any questions.**



HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to share different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Father, we are so grateful for the time we've had together today. Help us to live boldly for you this week, sharing your love with everyone we meet. We pray for our friends who don't yet know you—may they see your light in us and be drawn to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Homework: Keep writing your Faith Story using the Faith Story Sheet. We will continue to come back to this sheet all year to help each of us figure out what God has done in our lives - both when we first came to Jesus and when we have walked through the hard moments of life. We all have lots of stories of God moving in our lives, we just don't remember them well because we haven't written them down yet. This is the start of writing down our stories and allowing God to use them. If a story comes to mind, begin writing and talk to the Club leadership about being one of the first ones to share at next month's PREPARE week.

Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
- Remind everyone about upcoming school breaks or schedule changes.

Leader Notes:

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- Prepare for INVITE Week! Review the Leader Roles and keep everyone on the same page.

Club Coach Tip: Next month's PREPARE Week will include an option for up to two students to share their Faith Stories. As students use the Faith Story sheet to write their testimonies, watch for those who may be ready to share and coach them outside of the Club to help them prepare.



GOD'S LOVE

Prepare Week

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SPEAKER | DIG IN: GOD'S LOVE: A SOURCE OF COMFORT AND STRENGTH - 9 MINUTES

You might not see it this way now, but your story has the power to provide comfort and strength to people who need hope. The book of Psalms is filled with reassurance that God is in control even today. Let's take a look.

Psalm 18:2 (NIV) - "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

As students, we often face various challenges and struggles that can leave us feeling overwhelmed and drained. In moments of difficulty, it is essential to remember that we have a heavenly Father whose love serves as a constant source of comfort and strength. God's love is a safe place where we can go for comfort and find strength because He always cares for us.

In Psalm 18:2, King David beautifully expresses his reliance on God's love and protection. He refers to the Lord as his rock, fortress, and deliverer. This imagery reminds us that God's love is solid and unchanging, providing a firm foundation amidst the uncertainties of life. When we face adversity, we can seek shelter in God, knowing that He is our refuge and strength.

God's love brings comfort in the midst of trials. It assures us that we are not alone, and we can cast our anxieties upon Him because He cares for us according to 1 Peter 5:7. When we feel overwhelmed, we can find rest in God's loving arms, knowing that He will carry our burdens and provide the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Additionally, God's love empowers us to face challenges with renewed strength. The Apostle Paul affirms this in Philippians 4:13 (NIV), saying, "I can do all this through Him [Christ] who gives me strength." When we embrace God's love, we tap into a divine source of strength that enables us to overcome obstacles and accomplish what may seem impossible.

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does recognizing God's love as a source of comfort impact the way we handle difficulties in our lives?
2. In what ways can we actively turn to God's love for help during challenging seasons?
3. How can we remind ourselves daily of God's love and draw strength from it as we navigate the demands of being a student?
4. How does this insight from scripture give insight to your testimony? Consider writing more of your story based on this information.

Invite Cards: Have Student Leaders pass out Invite Cards to students.

Before we leave the Club, we're going to take a moment to fill out the Invite Cards we provided. Make sure to write down all the details clearly so they're ready to hand out. Once you're done, use them to invite your friends and classmates to join us next time!

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to share different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Father, we are so grateful for the time we've had together today. Help us to live boldly for you this week, sharing your love with everyone we meet. We pray for our friends who don't yet know you—may they see your light in us and be drawn to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: John 3:16. For Gospel Presentation: Romans 3:23, 6:23a, 6:23b, 5:8, 10:9, and 10:13.

Tip: Remind your speaker for the week to leave 5 minutes at the end of Club for Response Time. This is a special moment for students to respond to the Gospel message they heard during Club. (Remember to follow up with every student, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Key Takeaway: We are all sinners and in need of a Savior! Despite our struggles, mistakes, and the pain we experience, God offers us hope through Jesus. By recognizing our need for a Savior, accepting His love and grace, and believing in Jesus, we can be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life. No matter your past, God's salvation is available to everyone who calls on Him.

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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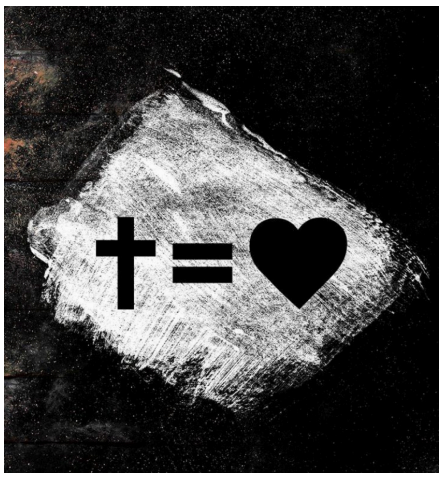

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2. Why do they go to their church?
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Leader Tip: **Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: EXPERIENCING GOD'S TRANSFORMING AND EMPOWERING LOVE - 11 MINUTES

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Moreover, God's love empowers us to live victoriously. It equips us with the strength and confidence we need to face life's challenges and overcome obstacles. It reminds us that we are not alone, but rather, we have a loving Father who walks beside us every step of the way. With God's love, we can navigate through difficulties, pursue our dreams, and make a positive impact on the world around us.

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussion if there are not enough people for small groups. Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on club time.**

Discussion Questions:

- How does knowing that God's love is transforming affect your view of yourself and others?
- How can you reflect this transformed perspective in your daily life?
- In what ways have you experienced God's empowering love? Share a specific situation where you felt strengthened and supported by God's love.
- How can you practically live out the truth of God's transforming and empowering love in your relationships, studies, and personal growth? What steps can you take to lean on God's love and allow it to guide your actions?

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to give different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students. Spend a few minutes praying for local churches.

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: God, thank you for the incredible love you've poured out on us, calling us your children and giving us a purpose in you. Help us to truly experience your transforming and empowering love in our lives and to share that love with others. As we leave today, guide us to stay connected to you, other believers, and the local church so that we can grow in faith and reflect your love to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Next time we meet we will start a new cycle talking about the sin that separates us from God. If you have been coming lately and think God may be calling you to leadership, we invite you to come talk to one of us about getting plugged in and becoming a Student Leader! This is a great way to plug into a faith community!

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Review Leader Roles for next week! Use this as an opportunity to recruit new leaders!

PLANNING GUIDE

WHAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD

First, let's evaluate! How did the last EPIC cycle go? Use the 5-Star Club Evaluation to spot any problem areas.

Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: God's love is unconditional and never changes, no matter what we do or what challenges we face.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The Four Materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23; 1 John 4:16; and Psalm 16:11.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

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PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: We can prepare to share our faith by practicing with friends and using the My Faith Story sheet to write out our testimony.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

PROMO _____

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FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: We are all sinners and in need of a Savior! Despite our struggles, mistakes, and the pain we experience, God offers us hope through Jesus.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses: Romans 3:23. **Gospel:** John 3:16; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; and Romans 10:9.

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FOLLOW UP _____

CONNECT WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Connecting with the local church, a faith community, and, most importantly, to Christ is the best way to deepen our relationship with God.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be "Local Church-Engaged."

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

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Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

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Key Takeaway: Sin can hold us captive, no matter who we are or where we are in our walk with the Lord. It's especially powerful for those who may not even recognize their sin. We want to be equipped to break free and help others break free from its grip! Using The FOUR is a powerful way to share how God frees us from sin and how we can rely on Him for deliverance.

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 8 MINUTES

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Let's take a moment to read a few verses about how sin separates us and God's plan for restoration.

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SPEAKER | OVERCOMING THE GRIP OF SIN - 8 MINUTES

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Sin's grip may feel strong at times, but the truth is that sin's power has been broken through the finished work of Jesus on the cross. When we accept Christ as our Savior, His Grace becomes the driving force in our lives, enabling us to overcome the grip of sin. It is through God's Grace that we find forgiveness, restoration, and the strength to resist temptation. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can live lives that are pleasing to God and reflect His transformative work within us.

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Announcement Suggestions:

- This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month. This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

Leader Notes:

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WHAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD

Equip Week

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Student Testimonies: Last month, students wrote their Faith Story. Follow up with those who may want to share during the Club. If students are struggling, invite 1-2 Student Leaders to share their story as an example.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

Key Takeaway: Sharing our faith can be intimidating, but practicing with others who can offer feedback or a listening ear helps us overcome that fear. Our testimony doesn't end with sin; it's a celebration of God's love and how we can draw near to Him despite the separation sin causes. Let's boldly share how God has brought us closer to Him!

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders hand out the My Faith Story Sheet.**

Let's take a moment to talk about how you can share your Faith Story. It can be very simple!

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Remember, your story is powerful. Take some time to pray and write down the story of how you came to know Jesus. Then share it with someone here—it might be exactly what they need to hear!

Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: SIN: THE BARRIER THAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD - 8 MINUTES

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The consequences of sin are grave. It leads to spiritual death and eternal separation from God. But thankfully, God has not left us in this state of separation. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap between us and Him. Through His sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins, offering us forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

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Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Lord, thank you for the blessing of this time to learn and grow in our faith. Give us the courage to share your truth and compassion to show your love. We lift up our friends who don't know you yet and ask that you work in their hearts this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Homework: Keep writing your Faith Story using the Faith Story Sheet. We will continue to come back to this sheet all year to help each of us figure out what God has done in our lives, both when we first came to Jesus and when we have walked through the hard moments of life. We all have lots of stories of God moving in our lives, we just don't remember them well because we haven't written them down yet. This is the start of writing down our stories and allowing God to use them. If a story comes to mind, begin writing and talk to the Club Leadership about being one of the first ones to share at next month's PREPARE Week.

Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
- Remind everyone about upcoming school breaks or schedule changes.

Leader Notes:

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Club Coach Tip: During next month's PREPARE Week , there will be an option for two students to share their Faith Stories. Look for students who are developing their testimonies, encourage them to use the Faith Story sheet, and provide coaching outside of the Club to help them prepare.



WHAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD

Prepare Week

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Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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For Gospel Presentation: Romans 3:23, 6:23a, 6:23b, 5:8, 10:9, and 10:13.

Tip: Remind your speaker for the week to leave 5 minutes at the end of Club for Response Time. This is a special moment for students to respond to the Gospel message they heard during Club. (Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the Grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Key Takeaway: God created you with love and purpose, but sin has created a separation between us and God. The good news is that Jesus came to fix that by dying for our sins and rising again, offering us forgiveness and eternal life. By believing in Him and accepting His gift of grace, we can have a fresh start and a restored relationship with God.

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The **last box** is for anyone who is not interested in what you heard today in Club. If this is you, we want to encourage you and let you know that no matter your beliefs or place in life, you are still welcome and wanted here. We love having each and every one of you. There is space here for everyone no matter where you are on your walk with Christ, even if you may not be walking with Christ yet.

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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We loved having you today! If it was your first time and you're curious about what First Priority is like on a weekly basis, come back next week for CONNECT Week. It's the perfect time to meet others, get plugged in, and grow in what God has for you.

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FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a new believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours (Do not do this during class time when you should be working or paying attention!). Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Make a plan to review and pray over them with your Campus Coach and Adult Leaders. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision. You want them to know that they are important to you.

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SPEAKER | DIG IN: THE EFFECTS OF SIN IN OUR LIVES - 8 MINUTES

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PLANNING GUIDE

GOD'S WORK ON THE CROSS

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Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Jesus' sacrifice on the cross provides us with forgiveness and the opportunity for a new beginning.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The Four Materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:16; and Psalm 16:11.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Sharing our personal stories of how Jesus has transformed our lives is an important way to spread His love, and we can use the My Faith Story sheet to help.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

PROMO _____

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HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: We are all in need of rescue because of our sin. God sent Jesus to die for us and offer a way to Him.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23**. For the Gospel Presentation:** Isaiah 53:6; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8-9; and 2 Corinthians 6:2.

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WELCOME _____

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SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 9 MINUTES

Supplies: The FOUR Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

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The Cross: Jesus Rescues Me
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God's work on the Cross also brings us forgiveness and reconciliation. Through Jesus' death, He paid the price for our sins, and by accepting Him as our Savior, we can experience forgiveness and be reconciled to God. The Cross bridges the gap between our sinful nature and God's holiness. It is a constant reminder that no matter how far we may have strayed, God's love and grace are always available to bring us back into a right relationship with Him.

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Closing Prayer Suggestion: Dear Lord, we praise you for the blessing of this gathering and for the friendships we are building.

In this moment of silence, we bring before you the names of those who need to know your love. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We pray for those who have not yet encountered your saving love. Give them open hearts and surround them with people who will point them to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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Announcement Suggestions:

- This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month. This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

Leader Notes:

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Leader Tip: **Use the First Priority Club App to keep Leader Roles organized so you can reference this list on the go!**



CLUB POSTERS

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GOD'S WORK ON THE CROSS

Equip Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 9 MINUTES

Supplies: The FOUR Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

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Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

Key Takeaway: Through the cross, Jesus rescues us from our sin, offering the ultimate sacrifice for our salvation. God's work on the cross is the greatest expression of His love for us, and it's crucial that we are ready to share this powerful message with others. Sharing our personal stories of how Jesus has transformed our lives is an important way to spread His love, and we can use the My Faith Story sheet to help guide us in sharing our journey with others.

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Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: SIN - THE SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS - 11 MINUTES

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Tip: Remind your speaker for the week to leave 5 minutes at the end of Club for Response Time. This is a special moment for students to respond to the Gospel message they heard during Club. (Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident, and sharing the right things. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

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STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 6 MINUTES

Let me ask you a question: Have you ever seen a rescue story—maybe in a movie or the news—where someone was saved from danger just in time? Those stories grab our attention because deep down, we all long for rescue. And the truth is, the greatest rescue story isn't just something we watch—it's something we're a part of. Let me explain.

We're All in Need of Rescue
Imagine you're out in the middle of the ocean, struggling to stay afloat. The waves are huge, and no matter how hard you try, you can't swim to safety. That's a picture of our condition without God. The Bible says in Isaiah 53:6, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way."

In other words, we've all wandered away from God's perfect plan. That wandering is called sin. It's the wrong things we've done—like lying, being selfish, or hurting others—and it separates us from God. And no matter how hard we try, we can't save ourselves. We need someone to step in and rescue us.

God's Amazing Rescue Plan
Here's the amazing part: God saw us struggling, and instead of leaving us, He made a rescue plan. That plan is centered on Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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(Intro to Response Time)

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As you finish filling out your card, we want to thank each of you for joining us today and we cannot wait to connect with you and see you next week! Let's take a moment to pray together and then we will discuss any announcements...

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we are humbled by your presence among us. Thank you for the opportunity to testify of your goodness. If anyone was touched by what they heard today, may they draw near to you and find the fullness of your love. And for those who weren't here but need to hear of your salvation, Lord, lead them to this gathering in the future. Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

If today was your first time with us and you're wondering what First Priority is all about, don't miss Connect Week next week. It's a great way to explore what God has for you, get connected, and experience community.

Leader Notes:
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FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a new believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours (Do not do this during class time when you should be working or paying attention!). Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Make a plan to review and pray over them with your Campus Coach and Adult Leaders. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision. You want them to know that they are important to you.

See the Follow-Up Guide on www.firstpriority.club/resources for more details.

Prepare for CONNECT Week: Who will be responsible for the areas listed in the First Priority Club App (or the Planning Guide at the beginning of this month?)



GOD'S WORK ON THE CROSS

Invite Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month has been centered around “God’s Work on the Cross.” Today is INVITE Week!

Let's start today's Club with prayer.

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! We pray for our guest speaker today _____ as they share their story. We pray that our hearts would be open to hearing how much you love each one of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 1:7 (NIV) - "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace."

STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 6 MINUTES

Let me ask you a question: Have you ever seen a rescue story—maybe in a movie or the news—where someone was saved from danger just in time? Those stories grab our attention because deep down, we all long for rescue. And the truth is, the greatest rescue story isn’t just something we watch—it’s something we’re a part of. Let me explain.

We’re All in Need of Rescue

Imagine you’re out in the middle of the ocean, struggling to stay afloat. The waves are huge, and no matter how hard you try, you can’t swim to safety. That’s a picture of our condition without God. The Bible says in Isaiah 53:6, “We all, like sheep, have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way.”

In other words, we’ve all wandered away from God’s perfect plan. That wandering is called sin. It’s the wrong things we’ve done—like lying, being selfish, or hurting others—and it separates us from God. And no matter how hard we try, we can’t save ourselves. We need someone to step in and rescue us.

God’s Amazing Rescue Plan

Here’s the amazing part: God saw us struggling, and instead of leaving us, He made a rescue plan. That plan is centered on Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be “Local Church-Engaged."

Key Takeaway: The Cross represents more than just death—it symbolizes life, forgiveness, hope, and love. Through Jesus' sacrifice, we are forgiven, given hope in hard times, and shown how to love others selflessly. It's important to get connected to Christ, the local church, and the Club because being in a community of believers helps us grow in faith, share God's love, and support one another.

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Club: Who can we connect to this First Priority Club next week?

Church: Ask Students:

1. What church do they go to? Where does your church meet and what time does it start?
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3. What do they love about their church?

Leader Tip: **Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: FORGIVENESS THROUGH THE CROSS - 6 MINUTES

Let's take a moment to think about what the Cross really means. It's more than just a symbol of death—it represents life! It reminds us of God's deep love and how far He went to save us. Because Jesus died for us, we can be forgiven, have hope when life gets hard, and learn how to love others the way He loves us. Imagine how different our lives would be if we didn't have the Cross to guide us.

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PLANNING GUIDE

OUR RESPONSE TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

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Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: The Question Mark in The FOUR represents the decision to follow Jesus.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The Four Materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 16:15-16; John 1:12; and Joshua 24:15.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Sharing your Faith Story is a powerful way to share the Gospel, highlighting how God has transformed your life.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Ephesians 2:8-9 and Mark 8:34.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: The Gospel teaches us that salvation isn't about what we can do to earn God's favor ("Do"), but about what Jesus has already done for us on the cross ("Done").

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Ephesians 2:8-9.

PROMO _____

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FOLLOW UP _____

CONNECT WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Don't wait for the perfect moment—today is the day to choose Christ.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be "Local Church-Engaged."

Verses to Have Ready: Ephesians 2:8-9 and Hebrews 4:7.

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Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

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Key Takeaway: The Question Mark in The FOUR represents the decision to follow Jesus—an invitation to trust Him as Savior and commit to living in relationship with God. This decision requires us to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah and to actively choose to follow Him, allowing His teachings to shape our lives.

Change it up! This month, consider using the Candy Cane Gospel Tool during one of your meetings or INVITE Week to effectively share the message of the Gospel. This is a great tool because it combines a simple, visual approach with powerful symbolism, making it easy for everyone to understand and remember the Gospel message.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 9 MINUTES

Supplies: The FOUR Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

Today, we are going to be talking about the fourth and final part of a Gospel Tool called The FOUR. The FOUR is made up of four symbols that represent each part of the Gospel story and give us a tangible way to explain and share the Gospel with others. When sharing the Gospel, you can use The FOUR to help guide your conversation and ensure that you are correctly and fully sharing the Gospel message. Let's go ahead and talk about the fourth icon and what it means.

The Question Mark: Will you Choose to Follow Jesus?
The Question Mark represents a decision—your response to God's love and what Jesus has done for you on the cross. God offers us the gift of salvation through Jesus, but it's up to each of us to choose to follow Him. This means trusting Jesus as your Savior and committing your life to Him. It's not about being perfect but about living in a relationship with God and letting Him guide your life.

Let's take a moment to read a few verses about making this decision.

John 1:12 (NIV): "Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

Joshua 24:15 (NIV): "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Leader Tip:

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Discussion Questions:

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2. What does it mean to fully trust Jesus with your life?
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SPEAKER | DIG IN: WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH CHRIST NOW? - 10 MINUTES

As we dive into today's lesson, let's read a verse from the Bible from the book of Matthew.

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In the Scripture passage mentioned above, Jesus asked His disciples an essential question: "Who do you say that I am?" It was a moment of truth that required a personal response. And just as Jesus asked this question to His disciples, He asks it to each one of us today. What is your response? How will you engage with Jesus and the message of the Gospel in your life right now?

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We pray that your journey with Christ is one of transformation, purpose, and joy. We hope you find strength and wisdom in His presence as we navigate the challenges of student life. And may your response to the question of what you will do with Christ now be a resounding "I will follow Him, for He is my Lord and Savior."

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.

As we wrap up, think about the people in your life who need the hope and love of Christ. Write their names down and make it a point to pray for them daily this week.

Give them time to fill out Prayer Cards.

Allow 2-3 minutes for students to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: God, we thank you for the privilege of meeting together and growing in faith.

Let us now pause to silently lift up the names of those in our lives who are searching for you. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We lift up those who are searching for hope and truth but don't yet know you as their Savior. Use us as your hands and feet to show them the way to your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Next week is PREPARE Week and we'd love for you to share your Faith Story! If you've been preparing yours since last month, let a Club Leader know—you could be one of two people sharing. Whether it's a short micro story or a full testimony, we'll help you feel ready and confident.

Announcement Suggestions:

- This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month. This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for PREPARE Week by reviewing the Planning Guide at the beginning of this month.

Leader Tip: **Use the First Priority Club App to keep Leader Roles organized so you can reference this list on the go!**

OUR RESPONSE TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

Equip Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

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Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! I am thankful for those who are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Prepare our hearts now to hear your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 9 MINUTES

Today, we are going to be talking about the fourth and final part of a Gospel Tool called The FOUR. The FOUR is made up of four symbols that represent each part of the Gospel story and give us a tangible way to explain and share the Gospel with others. When sharing the Gospel, you can use The FOUR to help guide your conversation and ensure that you are correctly and fully sharing the Gospel message. Let's go ahead and talk about the fourth icon and what it means.

The Question Mark: Will you Choose to Follow Jesus?
The Question Mark represents a decision—your response to God's love and what Jesus has done for you on the cross. God offers us the gift of salvation through Jesus, but it's up to each of us to choose to follow Him. This means trusting Jesus as your Savior and committing your life to Him. It's not about being perfect but about living in a relationship with God and letting Him guide your life.

John 1:12 (NIV): "Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

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Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Student Testimonies: Last month, students wrote out their Faith Story. Be sure to take time to follow up and encourage them to share during the Club. If any students are unsure about their story, invite a Student Leader to share as an example. PREPARE Week is a great time to practice.

Verses to Have Ready: Ephesians 2:8-9 and Mark 8:34.

Key Takeaway: Sharing your Faith Story is a powerful way to share the Gospel, highlighting how God has transformed your life. When sharing your story, include the Gospel at the moment Jesus became real to you, showing how He rescued and changed you. Following Jesus is a life-altering decision that requires commitment, sacrifice, and obedience, but it leads to a life of transformation and eternal hope.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ. We've been working through a tool called "My Faith Story" which helps us tell our story of when Jesus changed our lives. Today, we are going to talk about how to add the Gospel story.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders hand out the My Faith Story Sheet.**

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Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: WILL I FOLLOW JESUS? - 12 MINUTES

Let's dig into God's Word and read a verse from the book of Mark.

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Invite Cards: Have Student Leaders pass out Invite Cards to students.

Before we leave the Club, we're going to take a moment to fill out the Invite Cards we provided. Make sure to write down all the details clearly so they're ready to hand out. Once you're done, use them to invite your friends and classmates to join us next time!

Give students a moment to fill out Invite Cards and ask any questions.

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to share different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, thank you for the chance to meet and grow closer to you. Help us to step out in faith this week, boldly sharing your love with those who need it most. We lift up our friends and family who don't yet know you and ask that you draw them to yourself. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
- Remind everyone about upcoming school breaks or schedule changes.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for INVITE Week! Review the Leader Roles and keep everyone on the same page. Use this as an opportunity to recruit new leaders!

Club Coach Tip: PREPARE Week next month will offer an option for up to two students to share their Faith Stories. As students write their testimonies using the Faith Story Sheet, identify those who may want to share and help them prepare outside of the Club.

SEE AVAILABLE
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(Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident - and sharing the right things. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Key Takeaway: The Gospel teaches us that salvation isn't about what we can do to earn God's favor ("Do"), but about what Jesus has already done for us on the cross ("Done"). By accepting His finished work, we can experience true freedom, peace, and purpose, resting in God's grace rather than striving to prove ourselves.

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STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

Do Vs. Done
I want to share with you a powerful message about the difference between "Do" and "Done" when it comes to the Gospel. We live in a world that constantly tells us we have to do certain things to be accepted or to achieve success. But what if I told you there's a different way, a way that brings true freedom? Let's explore the "Do vs Done" concept and discover how it relates to our lives.

The Problem of "Do":
In our society, we're often pressured to perform, to do things in order to be accepted or find meaning. We strive to achieve good grades, succeed in sports, or meet certain expectations set by others. However, this constant striving can be exhausting and can leave us feeling empty, like we're never enough. It's like we're stuck on a hamster wheel, always trying to do more.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The Good News of "Done":
Thankfully, there's good news! The Gospel offers us a completely different perspective—a perspective of grace and freedom. It's not about what we do, but what has already been done for us. You see, God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and then die on the Cross for our sins. Jesus accomplished something extraordinary, something we could never do on our own. He said, "It is finished." He completed the work of salvation.

John 19:30 (NIV) "When He had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."

Embracing Jesus' Finished Work:
The question is, how do we respond to what Jesus has done? We need to understand that we can't earn salvation through our own efforts. No matter how hard we try, we will always fall short.

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(Intro to Response Time)

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Prayer:
Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I need your forgiveness. I believe you paid the price for my sins on the Cross and rose to give me Eternal Life. I ask you to come into my heart, forgive me, and transform me. I give my life to you and trust you to guide me. Thank you for your grace and mercy. In your name, I pray. Amen.



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The **last box** is for anyone who is not interested in what you heard today in Club. If this is you, we want to encourage you and let you know that no matter your beliefs or place in life, you are still welcome and wanted here. We love having each and every one of you. There is space here for everyone no matter where you are on your walk with Christ, even if you may not be walking with Christ yet.

As you finish filling out your card, we want to thank each of you for joining us today and we cannot wait to connect with you and see you next week! Let's take a moment to pray together and then we will discuss any announcements...

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Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we give you praise for bringing us together and for the work you have done in our lives. If any heart was stirred today, let them not hesitate to seek you. And Lord, we ask that you bring those who need to hear of your love and grace to join us next time, that they too may be transformed. Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

If today was your first time with us and you're wondering what First Priority is all about, don't miss Connect Week next week. It's a great way to explore what God has for you, get connected, and experience community.

Leader Notes:
Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a new believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours (Do not do this during class time when you should be working or paying attention!). Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Make a plan to review and pray over them with your Campus Coach and Adult Leaders. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision. You want them to know that they are important to you.

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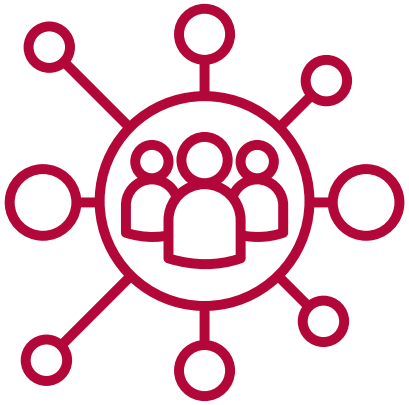

FIND NEW WAYS TO REACH YOUR CAMPUS WITH THE GOSPEL!

OUR RESPONSE TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

Invite Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month has been centered around "Our Response to What God Has Done for Us." Today is INVITE Week!

Let's start today's Club with prayer.

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! We pray for our speaker today _____ as they share their story. We pray that our hearts would be open to hearing how much you love each one of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

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STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

Do Vs. Done

I want to share with you a powerful message about the difference between "Do" and "Done" when it comes to the Gospel. We live in a world that constantly tells us we have to do certain things to be accepted or to achieve success. But what if I told you there's a different way, a way that brings true freedom? Let's explore the "Do vs Done" concept and discover how it relates to our lives.

The Problem of "Do":

In our society, we're often pressured to perform, to do things in order to be accepted or find meaning. We strive to achieve good grades, succeed in sports, or meet certain expectations set by others. However, this constant striving can be exhausting and can leave us feeling empty, like we're never enough. It's like we're stuck on a hamster wheel, always trying to do more.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The Good News of "Done":

Thankfully, there's good news! The Gospel offers us a completely different perspective—a perspective of grace and freedom. It's not about what we do, but what has already been done for us. You see, God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and then die on the Cross for our sins. Jesus accomplished something extraordinary, something we could never do on our own. He said, "It is finished." He completed the work of salvation.

John 19:30 (NIV) "When He had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."

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Verses to Have Ready: Ephesians 2:8-9 and Hebrews 4:7.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be “Local Church-Engaged."

Key Takeaway: Don’t wait for the perfect moment—today is the day to choose Christ. Life is uncertain, and His love and grace are available to us now. Connecting with Christ, a Club, and a local church is vital for spiritual growth and support. A community of believers encourages us, strengthens our faith, and helps us live out our purpose in Christ.

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PLANNING GUIDE

THE LOVE OF GOD

First, let's evaluate! How did the last EPIC cycle go? Use the 5-Star Club Evaluation to spot any problem areas.

Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: God's love for us is boundless and unconditional, shown most clearly through the sacrificial love of Jesus.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The Four Materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:16; and Psalm 16:11.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Your Faith Story has the power to impact others by sharing how God's personal and intimate love has transformed your life.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: The Gospel offers us the certainty of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 3:23. **For the Gospel Presentation:** Isaiah 53:6; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8-9; and 2 Corinthians 6:2.

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SPEAKER _____

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CONNECT WEEK DATE

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Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

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Let's start today's Club with prayer.

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! I am thankful for those who are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Prepare our hearts now to hear your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:19 (NIV) - "We love because He first loved us."

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 7 MINUTES

Supplies: The FOUR Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

Today, we are going to be talking about the first part of the Gospel Tool called The FOUR. When sharing the Gospel, you can use The FOUR to help guide your conversation and ensure that you are correctly and fully sharing the Gospel message. If this tool is new to you, feel free to ask one of the Student Leaders to help explain it in depth! Let's go ahead and dive into learning about the Heart of God and why His love for us is so important!

The Heart: God Loves Us
God totally loves you! His love is boundless and unconditional. The love of God has shown itself through Jesus Christ. This loving God can be experienced, He is real and He wants nothing more than for you to experience His love personally and to discover the purpose of your life in your relationship with Him.

Let's read a few verses about the love of God.

1 John 4:16 (NIV) - "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

Psalm 16:11(NIV) - "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

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Discussion Questions:

1. God's love is unconditional, what does that mean?
2. How comforting is it to know that God loves us even when we make mistakes?
3. Demonstrating God's love can be tough, what is a different way this week, that you and your Club can express God's love to your school campus?

SPEAKER | DIG IN: GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL - 9 MINUTES

To dive in, let's read some scripture about the sacrificial love of God.

1 John 3:16 (NIV) - "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

Let's take a moment to reflect on the sacrificial nature of God's love and its significance in our lives. It's easy for us to think of love as an emotion or a feeling, but God's love goes beyond that. It is an active, selfless love that is willing to give up everything for the sake of others. The greatest example of this sacrificial love is found in Jesus Christ.

When Jesus came to earth, He didn't just teach and perform miracles; He demonstrated God's sacrificial love in the most profound way possible. He gave His life on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. Through this sacrifice, He showed how deep God's love is and how far He was willing to go to bring us back into a relationship with Him.

As students, it's important for us to understand the implications of God's sacrificial love. Firstly, it reminds us of our immense value and worth in God's eyes. Despite our flaws and mistakes, God loves us enough to sacrifice His Son for our sake. This truth should give us confidence and assurance in our identity as children of God.

Secondly, God's sacrificial love challenges us to love others sacrificially as well. In our daily interactions with classmates, teachers, and even strangers, we have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and selflessness. It may mean sacrificing our time, resources, or personal desires for the benefit of others. By doing so, we become living testimonies of God's love in action.

Lastly, understanding God's sacrificial love can bring us comfort and hope during difficult times. As students, we face various challenges—academic pressures, personal struggles, and uncertainties about the future. In those moments, we can find comfort in knowing that God's love for us is unwavering and sacrificial. He is with us, guiding and supporting us through every situation.

Let's take a moment now to reflect on the sacrificial love of God. Consider the incredible sacrifice Jesus made on the Cross for our sake.

As you go about your day, remember that you are deeply loved by the Creator of the universe, and let His sacrificial love inspire and transform you.

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Give them time to fill out Prayer Cards.

Allow 2-3 minutes for students to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Lord Jesus, thank you for this time of fellowship and learning.

Let's pause for a moment of silence to pray for those we know who don't yet have a relationship with you. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We pray for those in our lives who have not yet experienced the joy of knowing you. Please draw them closer to you and give us the courage to share your Gospel with them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

PREPARE Week is next week! If you've been working on your Faith Story and feel ready to share, talk to a Club Leader about being one of two people to speak. Your story can be a short 2-3 minute micro story or a longer testimony—either way, we'll help you every step of the way.

Announcement Suggestions:

- This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month. This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for PREPARE Week by reviewing the Planning Guide at the beginning of this month.

Leader Tip: **Use the First Priority Club App to keep Leader Roles organized so you can reference this list on the go!**



THE LOVE OF GOD

Equip Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month is going to be centered around "The Love of God." What are things that we love today? Today is EQUIP Week where we want to equip and encourage you on how to better share your faith with your friends.

Let's start today's Club with prayer.

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! I am thankful for those who are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Prepare our hearts now to hear your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:19 (NIV) - "We love because He first loved us."

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 7 MINUTES

Supplies: The FOUR Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

Today, we are going to be talking about the first part of the Gospel Tool called The FOUR. When sharing the Gospel, you can use The FOUR to help guide your conversation and ensure that you are correctly and fully sharing the Gospel message. If this tool is new to you, feel free to ask one of the Student Leaders to help explain it in depth! Let's go ahead and dive into learning about the Heart of God and why His love for us is so important!

The Heart: God Loves Us
God totally loves you! His love is boundless and unconditional. The love of God has shown itself through Jesus Christ. This loving God can be experienced, He is real and He wants nothing more than for you to experience His love personally and to discover the purpose of your life in your relationship with Him.

Let's read a few verses about the love of God.

1 John 4:16 (NIV) - "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

Psalm 16:11(NIV) - "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

***Leader Tip:* Break into small groups or have a large group discussion based on Club size. Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.**

Discussion Questions:

1. God's love is unconditional, what does that mean?
2. How comforting is it to know that God loves us even when we make mistakes?
3. Demonstrating God's love can be tough, what is a different way this week, that you and your Club can express God's love to your school campus?

SPEAKER | DIG IN: GOD'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL - 9 MINUTES

1 John 3:16(NIV) - "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

Let's take a moment to reflect on the sacrificial nature of God's love and its significance in our lives. It's easy for us to think of love as an emotion or a feeling, but God's love goes beyond that. It is an active, selfless love that is willing to give up everything for the sake of others. The greatest example of this sacrificial love is found in Jesus Christ.

When Jesus came to earth, He didn't just teach and perform miracles; He demonstrated God's sacrificial love in the most profound way possible. He gave His life on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. Through this sacrifice, He showed how deep God's love is and how far He was willing to go to bring us back into a relationship with Him.

As students, it's important for us to understand the implications of God's sacrificial love. Firstly, it reminds us of our immense value and worth in God's eyes. Despite our flaws and mistakes, God loves us enough to sacrifice His Son for our sake. This truth should give us confidence and assurance in our identity as children of God.

Secondly, God's sacrificial love challenges us to love others sacrificially as well. In our daily interactions with classmates, teachers, and even strangers, we have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and selflessness. It may mean sacrificing our time, resources, or personal desires for the benefit of others. By doing so, we become living testimonies of God's love in action.

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Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Student Testimonies: Keep the momentum going from last month's Faith Story writing! Check in with students who may want to share during the Club, and if someone is struggling, have a Student Leader work with them to refine their writing. Consider asking 1-2 Student Leaders to share their testimony as an example.

Verses to Have Ready: 1 John 4:19; 1 John 3:1a; and Isaiah 43:1.

Key Takeaway: Your Faith Story has the power to impact others by sharing how God's personal and intimate love has transformed your life. Reflect on how God's love reached you and how it continues to shape you today. Remember, you are a beloved child of God, seen, known, and cherished by the Creator, and your story can be a beacon of hope for others seeking His love.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

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Next, share how you encountered Jesus—whether it was through a person, a significant moment, or a personal realization. Finally, describe how your life has changed with Christ at the center—what's different, and how has He transformed you? Use the handout to guide you as you write. Be authentic and keep the focus on Jesus. Your story has the power to inspire someone to take their first step toward faith. Take a few moments to work through this—it's amazing how God can use your journey to impact others!

Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: EXPERIENCING GOD'S PERSONAL AND INTIMATE LOVE - 10 MINUTES

Let's dive into God's Word, the Bible, and read a verse from Isaiah that shows us how much God really cares about each of us.

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to share different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Lord Jesus, thank you for this time of fellowship and learning. Help us to live out what we've learned today and to be your hands and feet to those around us. We pray for our friends who haven't met you yet—soften their hearts and use us to point them to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Homework: Keep writing your Faith Story using the Faith Story Sheet. We will continue to come back to this sheet all year to help each of us figure out what God has done in our lives - both when we first came to Jesus and when we have walked through the hard moments of life. We all have lots of stories of God moving in our lives, we just don't remember them well because we haven't written them down yet. This is the start of writing down our stories and allowing God to use them. If a story comes to mind, begin writing and talk to the Club Leadership about being one of the first ones to share at next month's PREPARE Week.

Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
- Remind everyone about upcoming school breaks or schedule changes.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for INVITE Week! Review the Leader Roles and keep everyone on the same page. Use this as an opportunity to recruit new leaders!

Club Coach Tip: Next month, up to two students will have the option to share their Faith Stories as part of PREPARE Week. Be on the lookout for students who may be interested, and coach them outside of the Club to ensure they feel ready to share.



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(Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident, and sharing the right things. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Key Takeaway: The Gospel offers us the certainty of eternal life through Jesus Christ. It's not about what we do, but about having a relationship with Him. When we accept Jesus' sacrifice, we are given the gift of forgiveness and eternal life. The decision to follow Christ is the most important choice we can make, and it leads to a transformed life filled with God's love, grace, and hope for the future.

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STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

Hey there! I want to share something incredible with you today. Have you ever wondered about the meaning of life or what happens after we die? Well, the good news is that there are answers to these questions, and it's all found in the message of the Gospel. Let me ask you the first question.

Question 1: Do you know for sure that you have Eternal life and that you will go to Heaven when you die?

This question is important because it addresses our eternal destiny. Many people have doubts or uncertainties about what happens after death. But the Bible assures us that we can have confidence in knowing where we will spend Eternity.

1 John 5:11-12 says: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

This means that Eternal Life is not about what we do but about whether we have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Would you like to know how you can be sure? Well, let me ask you another question.

Question 2: If you were to die today and stand before God, and He asked you, "Why should I let you into Heaven?" What would you say?

Many people think they have to earn their way into Heaven through good deeds or religious rituals. But the Bible tells us that salvation is a free gift from God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works so that no one can boast."

This verse shows us that no amount of good works can save us—only faith in Jesus Christ can. So, what do you think is the right answer? Let's talk about the Gospel,

Explanation of the Gospel:
The Gospel is the Good News about Jesus Christ. It starts with recognizing that we all have a problem called sin. Sin separates us from God because He is holy, but we are not. Our sin deserves punishment, and that punishment is eternal separation from God. However, God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the Cross for our sins. Jesus took our punishment upon Himself, and through His sacrifice, He offers us forgiveness and Eternal Life. Now, one last question for you.

Question 3: If what you just heard is true—if Jesus really died and rose again to offer you complete forgiveness and Eternal Life—how will you respond?

This isn't just another question. It's the most important decision you will ever make. God is extending His hand to you right now, offering love, grace, and a brand-new life. You don't have to carry your past, your guilt, or your fears anymore—He's ready to wipe them all away.

Imagine standing before God one day, knowing you said 'yes' to Him, knowing without a doubt that you are His. That can be your reality today. Right now, He is knocking on the door of your heart. Will you open it?

(Intro to Response Time)

If you're ready to respond to God's offer of forgiveness and Eternal Life, you can do so through prayer. Prayer is simply talking to God. You can express your faith in Jesus, confess your sins, and ask Him to come into your life as your Savior and Lord. Remember, it's not about saying the right words but expressing your heart to God. If you are ready, say this prayer with me.

Prayer:
God, I admit that I have sinned and need your forgiveness. I believe you died on the cross and rose again to save me. I give you my heart and ask you to cleanse me from all sin. Make me new and help me to follow you faithfully. Thank you for your love and sacrifice. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Remember, the Gospel is all about God's love, grace, and the hope of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ. It's the most incredible message we can ever receive.



RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card. As you will see on the cards, there are 5 boxes asking about your response to today's Club. **The First Box:** 'Today I trusted in Jesus for the first time.' This is if you made the decision to follow Christ and put Him first in your life for the first time. The **Second Box:** 'Today I reaffirmed my faith in Jesus.' This is if maybe you made the decision to follow Christ in the past, but have fallen short and got caught up in sin for a while and you want to recommit your life to Christ. The **Third Box** is 'I would like more information about the Gospel.' This is to let us know that you would like to dive deeper into the Gospel of Christ and the calling that the Lord has for your life. We would love to connect with each of you on this level. The **Fourth Box:** 'I have already trusted in Jesus before today." This is maybe for those of you who are already walking with Christ and have made the decision to follow Him wholeheartedly. If this is you, we still want to connect with you and walk alongside you. We hope that you continue to come to Club and join this Faith Community as we connect with each other through the Gospel.

The **last box** is for anyone who is not interested in what you heard today in Club. If this is you, we want to encourage you and let you know that no matter your beliefs or place in life, you are still welcome and wanted here. We love having each and every one of you. There is space here for everyone no matter where you are on your walk with Christ, even if you may not be walking with Christ yet.

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

If today was your first time at First Priority and you want to learn more, we'd love to see you again next week for CONNECT Week. It's a great opportunity to connect with others and discover more of God's purpose for you.

Leader Notes:
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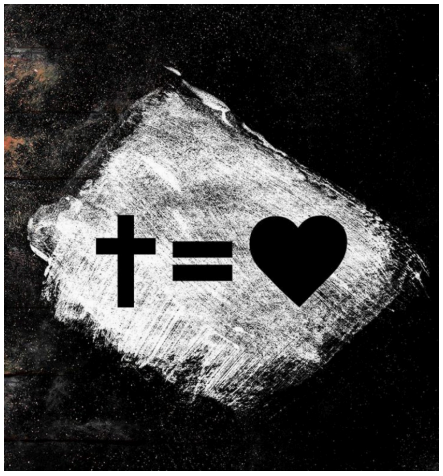
FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a New Believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours (Do not do this during class time when you should be working or paying attention!). Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Make a plan to review and pray over them with your Campus Coach and Adult Leaders. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision. You want them to know that they are important to you.

See the Follow-Up Guide on www.firstpriority.club/resources for more details.

Prepare for CONNECT Week: Who will be responsible for the areas listed in the First Priority Club App (or the Planning Guide at the beginning of this month?



NEW BELIEVER'S GUIDE

USE THIS GUIDE TO HELP NEW CHRISTIANS LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS!

THE LOVE OF GOD

Invite Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month has been centered around “The Love of God.” Today is INVITE Week!

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! We pray for our speaker today _____ as they share their story. We pray that our hearts would be open to hearing how much you love each one of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:19 (NIV) - “We love because he first loved us.”

STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

Hey there! I want to share something incredible with you today. Have you ever wondered about the meaning of life or what happens after we die? Well, the good news is that there are answers to these questions, and it’s all found in the message of the Gospel. Let me ask you the first question.

Question 1: Do you know for sure that you have Eternal life and that you will go to Heaven when you die?

This question is important because it addresses our eternal destiny. Many people have doubts or uncertainties about what happens after death. But the Bible assures us that we can have confidence in knowing where we will spend Eternity.

1 John 5:11-12 says: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

This means that Eternal Life is not about what we do but about whether we have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Would you like to know how you can be sure? Well, let me ask you another question.

Question 2: If you were to die today and stand before God, and He asked you, “Why should I let you into Heaven?” What would you say?

Many people think they have to earn their way into Heaven through good deeds or religious rituals. But the Bible tells us that salvation is a free gift from God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works so that no one can boast."

This verse shows us that no amount of good works can save us—only faith in Jesus Christ can. So, what do you think is the right answer? Let’s talk about the Gospel.

Explanation of the Gospel:
The Gospel is the Good News about Jesus Christ. It starts with recognizing that we all have a problem called sin. Sin separates us from God because He is holy, but we are not. Our sin deserves punishment, and that punishment is eternal separation from God. However, God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the Cross for our sins. Jesus took our punishment upon Himself, and through His sacrifice, He offers us forgiveness and Eternal Life. Now, one last question for you.

Question 3: If what you just heard is true—if Jesus really died and rose again to offer you complete forgiveness and Eternal Life—how will you respond?

This isn't just another question. It's the most important decision you will ever make. God is extending His hand to you right now, offering love, grace, and a brand-new life. You don't have to carry your past, your guilt, or your fears anymore—He's ready to wipe them all away.

Imagine standing before God one day, knowing you said 'yes' to Him, knowing without a doubt that you are His. That can be your reality today. Right now, He is knocking on the door of your heart. Will you open it?

(intro to Response Time)

If you're ready to respond to God's offer of forgiveness and Eternal Life, you can do so through prayer. Prayer is simply talking to God. You can express your faith in Jesus, confess your sins, and ask Him to come into your life as your Savior and Lord. Remember, it's not about saying the right words but expressing your heart to God. If you are ready, say this prayer with me.

Prayer:
God, I admit that I have sinned and need your forgiveness. I believe you died on the cross and rose again to save me. I give you my heart and ask you to cleanse me from all sin. Make me new and help me to follow you faithfully. Thank you for your love and sacrifice. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Remember, the Gospel is all about God's love, grace, and the hope of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ. It's the most incredible message we can ever receive.



RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

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THE LOVE OF GOD

Connect Week

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Verses to Have Ready: 1 John 4:19 and Lamentations 3:22-23.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be “Local Church-Engaged."

Key Takeaway: Staying connected to Christ, your Club, and your local church is key to growing in faith. God’s love is unwavering, and being part of a supportive community helps us stay strong and encouraged. Let's continue to build relationships with others to grow in our faith together.

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Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:19 (NIV) - “We love because He first loved us.”

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Leader Tip: **Do this next part in groups or ask just a few volunteers for each section.**

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Club: Who can we connect to this First Priority Club next week?

Church: Ask Students:

1. What church do they go to? Where does your church meet and what time does it start?
2. Why do they go to their church?
3. What do they love about their church?

Leader Tip: **Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: GOD'S UNCHANGING AND UNWAVERING LOVE - 9 MINUTES

Let's read a verse from Lamentations.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV) - "**22** Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. **23** They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Students' challenges come in all different shapes and forms. From academic pressures to personal struggles, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and uncertain. But in the midst of it all, there is one constant that we can always rely on—God's love. His love for us is unchanging and unwavering, a steadfast anchor in the stormy sea of life.

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Leader Tip:

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Discussion Questions:

- How does knowing that God's love is unchanging and unwavering impact the way you face challenges in your student life?
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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES

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PLANNING GUIDE

SIN

First, let's evaluate! How did the last EPIC cycle go? Use the 5-Star Club Evaluation to spot any problem areas.

Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

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Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The Four Materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Proverbs 14:12; Hebrews 12:1; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-2.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Sharing your Faith Story is a powerful way to reflect on how Jesus has changed your life.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Proverbs 14:12; Romans 3:23; and Romans 5:8.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Through Jesus, God offers us a chance to be made perfect again.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Proverbs 14:12.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

CONNECT WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: We all struggle with sin, but with God's strength and support from others, we can overcome it.

Resources Needed: Local church information.

Verses to Have Ready: Proverbs 14:12; Romans 7:15-20.

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SIN

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Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

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Change it up! This February, consider introducing the "You Are God's Valentine" Gospel Tool during one of your meetings or INVITE Week to share the message of the Gospel. This is a great tool because it connects the love of God with the season of Valentine's Day, making it a timely and relatable way to share the message of Jesus. By using this tool, you can help others understand how deeply God loves them and how His love can transform their lives.

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HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

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Today is EQUIP Week where we want to equip and encourage you on how to better share your faith with your friends.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) - "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! I am thankful for those who are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Prepare our hearts now to hear your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 7 MINUTES

Supplies: The FOUR Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

Today, we are going to discuss the second part of a Gospel Tool called The FOUR. If you aren't familiar with The FOUR, it is a tool made up of four symbols that represent each part of the Gospel story and give us a tangible way to explain and share the Gospel with others. These symbols guide us in sharing the message clearly and fully. Let's dig in and focus on the second icon, The Division Symbol, and what it represents.

The Division Symbol: I Am Separated From God
The Division symbol reminds us that sin creates a barrier between us and God. God is holy and perfect, but our choices to disobey Him—our sin—separate us from His presence. This divide is something we cannot fix on our own. No amount of good works or effort can bridge the gap. But recognizing this separation helps us understand how much we need God's help and His plan to bring us back to Him.

Let's take a moment to read a few verses about "the division" sin creates.

Romans 6:23 (NIV): "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV): "**1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world."

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussions based on Club size. Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think sin separates us from God?
2. Have you ever felt distant from God because of something you've done? How did it affect you?
3. How can recognizing this divide help us better appreciate God's plan to restore us?

The Division Sign reminds us of the reality of sin and its consequences. But it also points us toward hope—God didn't leave us in our brokenness. As we think about this truth, let's remember how much we need God and His amazing plan to bridge "the division" through Jesus.

SPEAKER | DIG IN: OVERCOMING THE POWER OF SIN - 10 MINUTES

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) - "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

In our journey of faith, one of the greatest challenges we face is the power of sin. Sin seeks to entangle us, hinder our relationship with God, and hinder our spiritual growth. However, as followers of Christ, we are not left powerless. Through His grace and strength, we can overcome the power of sin in our lives.

Illustration:
Imagine a river flowing swiftly, with strong currents and treacherous obstacles. It represents the power of sin in our lives. Now picture a skilled kayaker navigating through that river. Despite the challenges, the kayaker successfully maneuvers, avoiding the rocks and staying on course. In the same way, with God's guidance and wisdom, we can navigate through the powerful currents of sin, avoiding its traps and staying aligned with His will.

Sin has a way of entangling us in its grasp, ensnaring our hearts, minds, and actions. Let's explore this further:

Emotional Entanglement: Sin often starts with subtle thoughts or emotions that can lead to destructive behaviors. For example, harboring bitterness or resentment can entangle us in a cycle of anger, making it difficult to experience peace and forgiveness. Similarly, indulging in envy or jealousy can entrap us in a constant comparison game, robbing us of contentment and gratitude.

Spiritual Entanglement: Sin creates a barrier between us and God, hindering our spiritual growth and intimacy with Him. When we allow sin to take hold, it becomes a stumbling block that separates us from experiencing the fullness of God's presence and the blessings He wants to bestow upon us. It can lead to feelings of guilt, shame, and distance from God.

Relational Entanglement: Sin not only affects our relationship with God but also our relationships with others. Dishonesty, gossip, and betrayal can entangle us in webs of broken trust and damaged relationships. Engaging in unhealthy patterns of communication or failing to show love and kindness can strain our connections with family, friends, and even the wider community.

Consequences: Sin carries consequences. Indulging in sinful behaviors may bring temporary pleasure or satisfaction, but it eventually leads to long-term repercussions. It can damage our reputation, hurt those we love, and even cause physical and emotional harm. Entanglement in sin often leads to a vicious cycle where the consequences of our actions further ensnare us in guilt and regret.

Recognizing the entangling nature of sin is vital for us to understand its destructive power and seek liberation through Christ. Through repentance, prayer, seeking accountability, and relying on God's grace, we can break free from the entanglements of sin and experience the freedom and abundant life God has intended for us.

Remember, God's love and forgiveness are always available to us. With His help, we can untangle ourselves from the grasp of sin and walk in the path of righteousness.

I hope this will encourage you to persevere in your walk with God, recognizing His power within you to overcome sin. Remember, through His strength and grace, you can navigate the challenges and stay aligned with His perfect will.

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussion based on Club size. Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.**

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding God's sacrificial love for us impact our daily lives as students?
2. Why is reflecting on God's sacrificial love inside our school good for other students here who may not know that kind of love?
3. How can we find strength and encouragement in knowing that God's love for us is sacrificial, especially during challenging times in our academic journey?

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.

As we end our time together today, let's spend some time praying for our friends and peers who may not know Christ. Write down the names of friends and peers who come to mind, and pray for them intentionally this week.

Give them time to fill out Prayer Cards.

Allow 2-3 minutes for students to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the time we've had together and the freedom to meet as a Club.

Let us now silently lift up the names of those in our community who need your saving grace. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We lift up those in our community who have not yet found salvation in you. Work in their hearts and lead them to the hope and joy only you can provide. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Next week is PREPARE Week! If you've been thinking about sharing your Faith Story, now is the time. Speak with a Club Leader about being one of the two people to share. Whether it's a short reflection or a full testimony, we'll walk with you and help you feel confident.

Announcement Suggestions:

- This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month. This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for PREPARE Week by reviewing the Planning Guide at the beginning of this month.

Leader Tip: **Use the First Priority Club App to keep Leader Roles organized so you can reference this list on the go!**

SIN

Equip Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month is going to be centered around "SIN" and how to overcome it.

Today is EQUIP Week where we want to equip and encourage you on how to better share your faith with your friends.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) - "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! I am thankful for those who are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Prepare our hearts now to hear your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 7 MINUTES

Supplies: The FOUR materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

Today, we are going to discuss the second part of a Gospel Tool called The FOUR. If you aren't familiar with The FOUR, it is a tool made up of four symbols that represent each part of the Gospel story and give us a tangible way to explain and share the Gospel with others. These symbols guide us in sharing the message clearly and fully. Let's dig in and focus on the second icon, The Division Symbol, and what it represents.

The Division Symbol: I Am Separated From God
The Division symbol reminds us that sin creates a barrier between us and God. God is holy and perfect, but our choices to disobey Him—our sin—separate us from His presence. This divide is something we cannot fix on our own. No amount of good works or effort can bridge the gap. But recognizing this separation helps us understand how much we need God's help and His plan to bring us back to Him.

Romans 6:23 (NIV): "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV): "**1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world."

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussion based on Club size. Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think sin separates us from God?
2. Have you ever felt distant from God because of something you've done? How did it affect you?
3. How can recognizing this divide help us better appreciate God's plan to restore us?

The Division Sign reminds us of the reality of sin and its consequences. But it also points us toward hope—God didn't leave us in our brokenness. As we think about this truth, let's remember how much we need God and His amazing plan to bridge "the division" through Jesus.

SPEAKER | DIG IN: OVERCOMING THE POWER OF SIN - 10 MINUTES

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) - "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

In our journey of faith, one of the greatest challenges we face is the power of sin. Sin seeks to entangle us, hinder our relationship with God, and hinder our spiritual growth. However, as followers of Christ, we are not left powerless. Through His grace and strength, we can overcome the power of sin in our lives.

Illustration:
Imagine a river flowing swiftly, with strong currents and treacherous obstacles. It represents the power of sin in our lives. Now picture a skilled kayaker navigating through that river. Despite the challenges, the kayaker successfully maneuvers, avoiding the rocks and staying on course. In the same way, with God's guidance and wisdom, we can navigate through the powerful currents of sin, avoiding its traps and staying aligned with His will.

Emotional Entanglement: Sin often starts with subtle thoughts or emotions that can lead to destructive behaviors. For example, harboring bitterness or resentment can entangle us in a cycle of anger, making it difficult to experience peace and forgiveness. Similarly, indulging in envy or jealousy can entrap us in a constant comparison game, robbing us of contentment and gratitude.

Spiritual Entanglement: Sin creates a barrier between us and God, hindering our spiritual growth and intimacy with Him. When we allow sin to take hold, it becomes a stumbling block that separates us from experiencing the fullness of God's presence and the blessings He wants to give us. It can lead to feelings of guilt, shame, and distance from God.

Relational Entanglement: Sin not only affects our relationship with God but also our relationships with others. Dishonesty, gossip, and betrayal can entangle us in webs of broken trust and damaged relationships. Engaging in unhealthy patterns of communication or failing to show love and kindness can strain our connections with family, friends, and even the wider community.

Consequences: Sin carries consequences. Indulging in sinful behaviors may bring temporary pleasure or satisfaction, but it eventually leads to long-term repercussions. It can damage our reputation, hurt those we love, and even cause physical and emotional harm. Entanglement in sin often leads to a vicious cycle where the consequences of our actions further ensnare us in guilt and regret.

Recognizing the entangling nature of sin is vital for us to understand its destructive power and seek liberation through Christ. Through repentance, prayer, seeking accountability, and relying on God's grace, we can break free from the entanglements of sin and experience the freedom and abundant life God has intended for us.

Remember, God's love and forgiveness are always available to us. With His help, we can untangle ourselves from the grasp of sin and walk in the path of righteousness.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding God's sacrificial love for us impact our daily lives as students?
2. Why is reflecting on God's sacrificial love inside our school good for other students here who may not know that kind of love?
3. How can we find strength and encouragement in knowing that God's love for us is sacrificial, especially during challenging times in our academic journey?

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

SIN

Prepare Week

Reminder: Club time is designed to last 25-30 min. If your Club has less time, adapt the guide to best fit what your Club specifically needs. Use the Holy Spirit's guidance to discern what is best to cover during the time you have.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Student Testimonies: After last month's Faith Story writing, be intentional about following up with students who may be ready to share during the Club. If any students are unsure how to share or what their stories are, have 1-2 Student Leaders share their testimony as an example.

Verses to Have Ready: Proverbs 14:12; Romans 5:8; and Romans 3:23.

Key Takeaway: Sharing your Faith Story is a simple yet powerful way to reflect on how Jesus has transformed your life. By sharing how God has worked in your life, you can help others see how faith brings hope and direction. Remember, God's love and grace can restore our connection with Him, just like how Jesus' sacrifice bridges the gap caused by sin, allowing us to experience true freedom.

Student Leader Roles:

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Let's start today's Club with prayer.

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! I am thankful for those who are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Thank you for the privilege of prayer. I pray that we would be found faithful to pray for our friends to know you. Give us the strength to speak out. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) - "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

Student Testimony - Optional (if you have 1-2 students who are prepared): Consider the Student Leadership team going first to set the tone for the rest of the Club. Testimonies can be life-changing (both for the speaker and listener) and that is why we are here.

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders hand out the My Faith Story Sheet.**

Let's take a moment to talk about how you can share your Faith Story. It can be very simple! Using the My Faith Story Sheet, it guides you to focus on three parts: your life before Christ, how you encountered Jesus, and your life since knowing Him.

Start with what life was like without Christ—your struggles or things that felt missing. Then, talk about the moment Jesus became real to you—through an event, a person, or a realization. Finally, share how He's transformed your life—how faith gives you hope and direction now.

Today, let's kick things off by exploring the first part: What life was like without Jesus?

At the top of the page, you'll see a list of suggested words that can serve as your 'keyword' to describe your life before you met Jesus. You might find one that perfectly fits, or you might not see one that describes you at all. If not, don't worry! You can pick a different word. Remember, it doesn't have to be super dramatic or negative. It could even be a simple phrase like 'churchgoer' or 'good person'. The idea is to find a word or phrase that accurately describes you before you met Jesus.

Now, let's move on to Section 2 on the worksheet, where you'll be asked to 'set up the background'. This is where you can start explaining how the word or phrase you chose relates to you. For instance, if you picked the word 'rejected', describe how you felt rejected, who rejected you, and what you tried to do to feel accepted.

Remember, your Story is powerful. Take some time to pray, choose a keyword, and then write down how it once described you. Then share it with someone here—it might be exactly what they need to hear!

Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: RESTORING OUR CONNECTION WITH GOD THE POWER OF REDEMPTION - 9 MINUTES

Let's read a verse from the book of Romans.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) - "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Students, today we reflect on the profound impact sin has on our relationship with God. It is crucial to understand that our actions can create a separation between us and our Creator. However, the good news is that God has provided a way for us to be reconciled with Him through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us explore this truth through illustration and Scripture.

Illustration:
Imagine a majestic eagle soaring high in the sky, representing our connection with God. Its wings represent our obedience, love, and trust in Him. However, sin acts as a weight that ties strings to the eagle's wings. The more we sin, the heavier the strings become, weighing us down and limiting our ability to fly freely in His presence. We find ourselves grounded, unable to experience the fullness of God's love and guidance.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

This verse reminds us that every one of us has fallen short of God's perfect standard due to our sinful nature. Our transgressions create a chasm between us and the One who loves us unconditionally. However, God, in His infinite mercy, provided a way for us to bridge that gap and restore our connection with Him.

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As students seeking to grow in our faith, it is essential to recognize the impact of sin on our relationship with God. We must also embrace the hope found in Christ's sacrifice, which restores our connection with the Father. By reflecting on the illustration of the eagle and pondering the Scriptures, we are reminded of God's boundless love and the freedom He offers through redemption.

Remember, God eagerly awaits our return, ready to mend what is broken and grant us forgiveness. Let us respond to His love by turning away from sin, seeking His presence, and embracing the abundant life He has prepared for us. May our hearts be filled with gratitude as we journey towards a deeper connection with our Heavenly Father.

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or talk as a big group. Give 1-2 minutes per question, depending on your time.**

Discussion Questions:

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to share different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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Closing Prayer Suggestion: Father, thank you for the opportunity to gather together and grow in our understanding of you. Give us boldness this week to share your love with those around us. We pray for those who don't know you yet, that they would experience the hope and joy only you can provide. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Homework: Keep writing your Faith Story using the Faith Story Sheet. This sheet is meant to be a tool to get you started. We encourage you to practice telling your story to a friend or maybe a Student Leader.

Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
- Remind everyone about upcoming school breaks or schedule changes.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for INVITE Week! Review the Leader Roles and keep everyone on the same page. Use this as an opportunity to recruit new leaders!

Club Coach Tip: Looking ahead to next month's PREPARE Week, there will be an option for two students to share their testimonies. As students work on their stories with the Faith Story sheet, identify those who may want to participate and coach them outside of the Club.



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Prepare Week

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(Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident, sharing the right things. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Key Takeaway: Just like a diamond shines perfectly, we were once perfect too, but sin broke that perfection. Through Jesus, God offers us a chance to be made perfect again. Jesus died for our sins, and when we believe in Him, we are forgiven and made new. This is a gift from God that we can receive by trusting in Jesus and following Him.

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) - “There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

Imagine a perfectly crafted diamond, shining brilliantly in the sunlight. It reflects and refracts light in a way that captures our attention and fills us with awe. Just as that diamond is flawless and without imperfections, there was once a time when humanity was perfect too.

In the beginning, God created a perfect world and placed the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden. They enjoyed a harmonious relationship with God, free from sin and separation. It was a state of perfection, filled with love, joy, and peace.

However, the story takes a tragic turn. Adam and Eve made a choice that shattered their perfection. They disobeyed God's command, introducing sin into the world. Sin separates us from God, tarnishing the perfect image we once bore.

But God, in His infinite love and mercy, had a plan to restore that perfection. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life and be the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

John 3:16 (NIV) - "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."

Picture a spotless white cloth, symbolizing Jesus' perfection. He willingly laid down His life on the cross, taking upon Himself the punishment we deserved. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus offers us the opportunity to be restored to perfection and have eternal life.

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, His perfection is imputed to us. It's like taking that stained and blemished cloth and wrapping it in the pure white cloth of Christ's righteousness. We become a new creation, cleansed and made whole through His sacrifice.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

This restoration to perfection isn't based on our own efforts or good works but on God's grace and the finished work of Jesus. It's a gift freely offered to all who believe and receive it. We can't earn it, but we can accept it by faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

In conclusion, just as the diamond sparkles with perfection, and just as the stained cloth can be made white, we too can experience the restoration of our perfection through Jesus Christ. He offers us forgiveness, salvation, and the hope of Eternal Life. All we need to do is repent of our sins, place our trust in Him, and surrender our lives to His Lordship.

Romans 10:9 (NIV) - "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Would you like to accept the free gift of salvation from Jesus today? Accepting Christ as your Savior and turning to follow Him, can be a start with a simple prayer. If you feel ready to pray and ask God to be the Lord of your life, say this prayer with me.

Prayer:
Dear Lord, I know that I have fallen short and need your grace. I believe that Jesus died for me and rose again to bring me into a relationship with you. Today, I surrender my life to you. Please forgive my sins and guide me in your truth. Thank you for loving me and giving me a new beginning. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card. As you will see on the cards, there are 5 boxes asking about your response to today's Club. The **First Box:** 'Today I trusted in Jesus for the first time.' This is if you made the decision to follow Christ and put Him first in your life for the first time. The **Second Box:** 'Today I reaffirmed my faith in Jesus.' This is if maybe you made the decision to follow Christ in the past, but have fallen short and got caught up in sin for a while and you want to recommit your life to Christ. The **Third Box** is 'I would like more information about the Gospel.' This is to let us know that you would like to dive deeper into the Gospel of Christ and the calling that the Lord has for your life. We would love to connect with each of you on this level. The **Fourth Box:** 'I have already trusted in Jesus before today." This is maybe for those of you who are already walking with Christ and have made the decision to follow Him wholeheartedly. If this is you, we still want to connect with you and walk alongside you. We hope that you continue to come to Club and join this Faith Community as we connect with each other through the Gospel.

The **last box** is for anyone who is not interested in what you heard today in Club. If this is you, we want to encourage you and let you know that no matter your beliefs or place in life, you are still welcome and wanted here. We love having each and every one of you. There is space here for everyone no matter where you are on your walk with Christ, even if you may not be walking with Christ yet.

As you finish filling out your card, we want to thank each of you for joining us today and we cannot wait to connect with you and see you next week! Let's take a moment to pray together and then we will discuss any announcements...

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, your love has changed us, and today we rejoice in sharing that with others. If someone was moved by the testimonies shared, may they be drawn closer to you. And Father, for those who weren't here but need to experience your love, open the door for them to be present next time. Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

We're so glad you joined us today! If this was your first time, and you want to see what First Priority looks like week to week, come back for Connect Week. You'll meet great people, build relationships, and learn more about God's plan for your life.

Leader Notes: Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a New Believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours. Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision.

See the Follow-Up Guide on www.firstpriority.club/resources for more details.

Prepare for CONNECT Week: Who will be responsible for the areas listed in the First Priority Club App (or the Planning Guide at the beginning of this month?)

SIN

Invite Week

HOST | STARTUP - 2 MINUTES

Welcome: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month has been centered around “SIN”. Today is INVITE Week!

Opening Prayer: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at First Priority! We pray for our speaker today _____ as they share their story. We pray that our hearts would be open to hearing how much you love each one of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) - “There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.”

STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

Imagine a perfectly crafted diamond, shining brilliantly in the sunlight. It reflects and refracts light in a way that captures our attention and fills us with awe. Just as that diamond is flawless and without imperfections, there was once a time when humanity was perfect too.

In the beginning, God created a perfect world and placed the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden. They enjoyed a harmonious relationship with God, free from sin and separation. It was a state of perfection, filled with love, joy, and peace.

However, the story takes a tragic turn. Adam and Eve made a choice that shattered their perfection. They disobeyed God’s command, introducing sin into the world. Sin separates us from God, tarnishing the perfect image we once bore.

But God, in His infinite love and mercy, had a plan to restore that perfection. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life and be the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

John 3:16 (NIV) - "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."

Picture a spotless white cloth, symbolizing Jesus’ perfection. He willingly laid down His life on the cross, taking upon Himself the punishment we deserved. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus offers us the opportunity to be restored to perfection and have eternal life.

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, His perfection is imputed to us. It’s like taking that stained and blemished cloth and wrapping it in the pure white cloth of Christ’s righteousness. We become a new creation, cleansed and made whole through His sacrifice.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

This restoration to perfection isn't based on our own efforts or good works but on God's grace and the finished work of Jesus. It's a gift freely offered to all who believe and receive it. We can't earn it, but we can accept it by faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

In conclusion, just as the diamond sparkles with perfection, and just as the stained cloth can be made white, we too can experience the restoration of our perfection through Jesus Christ. He offers us forgiveness, salvation, and the hope of Eternal Life. All we need to do is repent of our sins, place our trust in Him, and surrender our lives to His Lordship.

Romans 10:9 (NIV) - "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Would you like to accept the free gift of salvation from Jesus today? Accepting Christ as your Savior and turning to follow Him can start with a simple prayer. If you feel ready to pray and ask God to be the Lord of your life, say this prayer with me.

Prayer:
Dear Lord, I know that I have fallen short and need your grace. I believe that Jesus died for me and rose again to bring me into a relationship with you. Today, I surrender my life to you. Please forgive my sins and guide me in your truth. Thank you for loving me and giving me a new beginning. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card. As you will see on the cards, there are 5 boxes asking about your response to today's Club. Choose the one that best fits the decision you are making today.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, your love has changed us, and today we rejoice in sharing that with others. If someone was moved by the testimonies shared, may they be drawn closer to you. And Father, for those who weren't here but need to experience your love, open the door for them to be present next time. Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

We're so glad you joined us today! If this was your first time, and you want to see what First Priority looks like week to week, come back for Connect Week. You'll meet great people, build relationships, and learn more about God's plan for your life.

Leader Notes:

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Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be “Local Church-Engaged."

Verses to Have Ready: Proverbs 14:12 and Romans 7:15-20.

Key Takeaway: We all struggle with sin, but with God’s strength and support from others, we can overcome it. Christ has already won the victory, and staying connected with others helps us grow stronger in faith and fight the battle together.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Leader Tip: **Do this next part in groups or ask just a few volunteers for each section.**

Let's take a moment to share about how we are connected to Christ, Club, and the local church and how we can get those around us to be connected as well!

Christ: Anyone want to share their connection-to-Christ story? *(How they came to a relationship with Christ.)*

Club: Who can we connect to this First Priority Club next week?

Church: Ask Students:

1. What church do they go to? Where does your church meet and what time does it start?
2. Why do they go to their church?
3. What do they love about their church?

Leader Tip: **Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: WRESTLING WITH SIN: THE STRUGGLE WITHIN - 10 MINUTES

This month, we have been talking about sin and the damage it causes in our lives and to our relationship with God. Let's finish up by reading a few verses in Romans.

Romans 7:15-20 (NIV) - "**15** I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. **16** And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. **17** As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. **18** For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it."

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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PLANNING GUIDE

THE PAYMENT FOR OUR SIN

First, let's evaluate! How did the last EPIC cycle go? Use the 5-Star Club Evaluation to spot any problem areas.

Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK — DATE

Key Takeaway: The Cross represents Jesus' ultimate sacrifice, where He took our sins upon Himself to reconcile us with God.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The FOUR materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 3:16; and 1 Peter 3:18.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

PREPARE WEEK — DATE

Key Takeaway: Sharing how Jesus became real to you is a powerful way to connect with others.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8 and Psalm 42:1-2.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK — DATE

Key Takeaway: Jesus extends the same invitation today as He did to the fishermen—"Come, follow me."

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; Matthew 4:18-22; and Matthew 16:24.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

CONNECT WEEK — DATE

Key Takeaway: The Cross is a powerful reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and hope.

Resources Needed: Local church information.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 6:14; 1 Peter 1:3; and 1 John 3:16.

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Happening This Month: Be sure to check out the calendar at the beginning of the EPIC Guide for any events that are coming up.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 3:16; and 1 Peter 3:18.

Key Takeaway: The Cross represents Jesus' ultimate sacrifice, where He took our sins upon Himself to reconcile us with God. His love and selflessness offer us forgiveness, peace with God, and eternal life. Understanding His sacrifice should inspire us to live transformed lives, sharing this message of hope and redemption with others.

Change it up! If your Club has been using The FOUR all year and is starting to feel a bit repetitive, consider exploring the other Gospel Tools available on our Resource Page! Switching things up can be a great way to keep things fresh and engaging. As a leader, use your judgment to decide what will be most impactful for your Club this month and beyond!

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 8 MINUTES

Supplies: The Four Materials *(Bracelets, Cards, Slides, etc.)*

Today, we are going to be talking about the third part of a Gospel Tool called The FOUR. The FOUR is made up of four symbols that represent each part of the Gospel story and give us a tangible way to explain and share the Gospel with others. When sharing the Gospel, you can use The FOUR to help guide your conversation and ensure that you are correctly and fully sharing the Gospel message. Let's talk through the third icon, the Cross, and discuss what it means to us and why it is important to share with others.

The Cross: Jesus Gave Everything for Me
Our sins and our selfish actions do not stop God from loving us. He even became a human being in Jesus Christ and gave His life for us. He took our place on the cross, bearing all the consequences of sin Himself. Jesus died – but He rose to life again. He offers us peace with God and a personal relationship with Him. Through faith in Jesus, we can experience God's love daily, discover our purpose, and have eternal life after death.

John 3:16 (NIV) - "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."

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV) - "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."

***Leader Tip:* Break into small groups or have a large group discussions based on Club size. Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.**

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the Cross represent?
2. What is the importance of the Cross?
3. How would you share the message of the Cross with someone who may have never heard it before?

SPEAKER | DIG IN: CHRIST, THE PERFECT SACRIFICE: BECOMING SIN FOR US - 10 MINUTES

Let's dig into God's Word and read a verse from 2nd Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:21(NIV) - "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Today, I want to remind you of the immense love and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. In order to reconcile us with God, He willingly took upon Himself the weight of our sins and became sin for us. This act of selflessness and mercy demonstrates the depths of His love and the lengths He was willing to go to redeem us.

To fully grasp the significance of Christ becoming sin for us, let me share an illustration with you. Imagine a pristine white garment or cloth, representing the sinless nature of Jesus. Now, imagine taking a brush dipped in black ink and painting it all over that garment. The once pure and spotless garment is now stained and tainted with the ugliness of sin. This is the visual representation of what Christ did for us on the Cross.

In His perfection, Jesus willingly embraced the consequences of our sins. He took upon Himself the guilt, shame, and punishment that we deserved. As He hung on the Cross, bearing the weight of our transgressions and sins, He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). In that moment, He experienced separation from the Father, a separation that our sins had caused.

But here's the incredible truth: Jesus endured all of this so that we might be reconciled to God. He took our sins upon Himself so that we could receive His righteousness and be restored to a right relationship with our Heavenly Father. Through faith in Him, we can stand before God as blameless and righteous, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

So what does this mean for us as students?

Reflection: Take a moment to reflect on the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice for you. Consider the weight of your sins and the lengths to which Jesus went to free you from their bondage. How does this impact your understanding of His love for you?

Gratitude: Express gratitude to God for the incredible gift of salvation through Jesus. Thank Him for bearing your sins and making a way for you to be reconciled with Him. How can you show your gratitude practically in your daily life?

Transformation: The knowledge of what Christ has done for us should lead to a transformed life. As a student, how can you live out your faith in light of Christ's sacrifice? How can you honor Him with your actions, attitudes, and relationships?

Remember that Christ became sin for us so that we could become the righteousness of God. May this truth fuel your faith, deepen your love for Him, and inspire you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding that Christ became sin for us impact your view of His love and sacrifice?
2. In what practical ways can you express gratitude to God for the gift of salvation through Jesus?
3. How can you live out your faith and honor Christ's sacrifice in your daily life as a student?



HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.**

Before we leave, let's focus on our friends or peers who may not know the love of Christ. Take a moment to write down their names so you can remember to pray for them during your quiet time this week.

Give them time to fill out Prayer Cards.

Allow 2-3 minutes for students to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Lord, we thank you for this time of connection and the opportunity to grow in our Faith.

Take a moment to quietly bring to God the names of friends or family who don't know Him. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We pray for our friends who don't yet know you as their Savior. Help us to be faithful in praying for them and to share your love in both word and action. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

As PREPARE Week approaches, we want to invite you to share your Faith Story! If you've been working on yours, connect with a Club leader about being one of two people to speak next week. Whether it's a short 2-3 minute story or a full 7-minute testimony, we'll help you prepare and succeed.

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Today, we are going to be talking about the third part of a Gospel Tool called The FOUR. The FOUR is made up of four symbols that represent each part of the Gospel story and give us a tangible way to explain and share the Gospel with others. When sharing the Gospel, you can use The FOUR to help guide your conversation and ensure that you are correctly and fully sharing the Gospel message. Let's talk through the third icon, the Cross, and discuss what it means to us and why it is important to share with others.

The Cross: Jesus Gave Everything For Me
Our sins and our selfish actions do not stop God from loving us. He even became a human being in Jesus Christ and gave His life for us. He took our place on the cross, bearing all the consequences of sin Himself. Jesus died – but He rose to life again. He offers us peace with God and a personal relationship with Him. Through faith in Jesus, we can experience God's love daily, discover our purpose, and have eternal life after death.

John 3:16 (NIV) - "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."

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV) - "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."

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Discussion Questions:

1. What does the Cross represent?
2. What is the importance of the Cross?
3. How would you share the message of the Cross with someone who may have never heard it before?

SPEAKER | DIG IN: CHRIST, THE PERFECT SACRIFICE: BECOMING SIN FOR US - 10 MINUTES

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) - "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Today, I want to remind you of the immense love and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. In order to reconcile us with God, He willingly took upon Himself the weight of our sins and became sin for us. This act of selflessness and mercy demonstrates the depths of His love and the lengths He was willing to go to redeem us.

To fully grasp the significance of Christ becoming sin for us, let me share an illustration with you. Imagine a pristine white garment or cloth, representing the sinless nature of Jesus. Now, imagine taking a brush dipped in black ink and painting it all over that garment. The once pure and spotless garment is now stained and tainted with the ugliness of sin. This is the visual representation of what Christ did for us on the Cross.

In His perfection, Jesus willingly embraced the consequences of our sins. He took upon Himself the guilt, shame, and punishment that we deserved. As He hung on the Cross, bearing the weight of our transgressions and sins, He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). In that moment, He experienced separation from the Father, a separation that our sins had caused.

But here's the incredible truth: Jesus endured all of this so that we might be reconciled to God. He took our sins upon Himself so that we could receive His righteousness and be restored to a right relationship with our Heavenly Father. Through faith in Him, we can stand before God as blameless and righteous, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

So what does this mean for us as students?

Reflection: Take a moment to reflect on the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice for you. Consider the weight of your sins and the lengths to which Jesus went to free you from their bondage. How does this impact your understanding of His love for you?

Gratitude: Express gratitude to God for the incredible gift of salvation through Jesus. Thank Him for bearing your sins and making a way for you to be reconciled with Him. How can you show your gratitude practically in your daily life?

Transformation: The knowledge of what Christ has done for us should lead to a transformed life. As a student, how can you live out your faith in light of Christ's sacrifice? How can you honor Him with your actions, attitudes, and relationships?

Remember that Christ became sin for us so that we could become the righteousness of God. May this truth fuel your faith, deepen your love for Him, and inspire you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding that Christ became sin for us impact your view of His love and sacrifice?
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3. How can you live out your faith and honor Christ's sacrifice in your daily life as a student?



HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.**

Before we leave, let's focus on our friends or peers who may not know the love of Christ. Take a moment to write down their names so you can remember to pray for them during your quiet time this week.

Allow 2-3 minutes for students to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Lord, we thank you for this time of connection and the opportunity to grow in our Faith. We pray for our friends who don't yet know you as their Savior. Help us to be faithful in praying for them and to share your love in both word and action. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8 and Psalm 42:1-2.

Student Testimonies: Throughout this year, we have been encouraging students to use the Faith Story Sheet to write out their testimonies. Although this may feel redundant, remember that no matter what, our stories are constantly developing. Consider students who may have been staying in the shadows this year and encourage them to take the next step. Invite 1-2 Student Leaders to share as an example.

Key Takeaway: Sharing how Jesus became real to you is a powerful way to connect with others. It doesn't need to be dramatic, just focus on the moment you decided to follow Him. Our souls long for God's presence, and through Jesus, we can be reunited with Him. Take time to reflect on this and invite others to experience His love.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

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SPEAKER | DIG IN: REUNITED - 9 MINUTES

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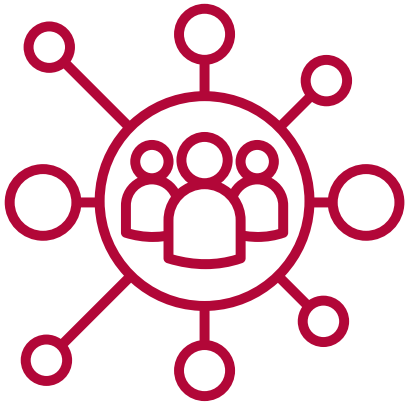
OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



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It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident, and sharing the right things. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the Grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Key Takeaway: Jesus extends the same invitation today as He did to the fishermen—"Come, follow me." It's a call to leave behind our old ways and embrace a life of purpose, transformation, and joy. By responding to His invitation, we can embark on a life-changing journey with Him, sharing His love and message with others. Will you choose to follow Him today?

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STUDENT SHARES THEIR STORY | 5-10 MINUTES

SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

Today, I want to share with you the incredible invitation that Jesus extends to each and every one of us. Just as Jesus invited ordinary people to follow Him during His earthly ministry, He is still extending that invitation to us today. Let's explore this invitation and discover the life-changing journey that awaits us.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV) - "**18** One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. **19** Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" **20** And they left their nets at once and followed Him. **21** A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. **22** They immediately followed Him, leaving the boat and their father behind."

Illustration:
Imagine a sunny day by the Sea of Galilee, where four ordinary fishermen are going about their daily tasks. They are Simon, Andrew, James, and John. They have been fishing for years, mending nets, and casting them into the water, hoping for a good catch. Little did they know that their lives were about to change forever.

One day, as they were busy with their work, a man appeared on the shoreline. It was Jesus, the Son of God. He looked into the eyes of Simon and Andrew and said, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Without hesitation, they dropped their nets and left everything behind to follow Him.

Jesus didn't stop there. He walked a little farther and found James and John with their father, Zebedee. Jesus called out to them, and just like Simon and Andrew, they left their boat, their nets, and even their father to follow Him.

Rejection:
What an extraordinary moment that must have been! These four fishermen received an invitation that would change the trajectory of their lives forever. They encountered Jesus, and in an instant, they left behind their familiar routines, their comfort zones, and everything they knew to embark on a life-altering adventure with Him.

Jesus' invitation was not just about leaving their physical possessions; it was an invitation to leave behind their old way of life and embrace a new purpose. Jesus called them to be fishers of men, to share the Good News of God's love, forgiveness, and salvation with others.

Application:
Just as Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James, and John, He calls each one of us today. He invites us to follow Him, to leave behind the things that hinder us, and to embrace a life of purpose and meaning. Jesus wants to transform us and use us to make a difference in this world.

Will you respond to His invitation today? Will you choose to follow Jesus, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to guide your steps? It may require stepping out of your comfort zone and leaving behind certain habits or influences, but the journey with Jesus is infinitely worthwhile.

Matthew 16:24 (NIV) "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"

Conclusion:
The invitation to follow Jesus is extended to you today. Don't let this moment pass you by. Jesus is calling you to a life of purpose, joy, and eternal significance. Will you respond? Take that step of faith, leave behind your old way of life, and embark on an extraordinary journey with Jesus. He is waiting for you.

If you are ready to make a commitment to follow Jesus, pray this prayer with me.

Prayer:
Jesus, I come before you acknowledging my sins and my need for your forgiveness. I believe in your sacrifice on the Cross and your Resurrection. I choose to surrender my life to you today. Come into my heart, cleanse me, and make me new. Lead me on your path, and thank you for your love. In your name, I pray. Amen.



RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card. As you will see on the cards, there are 5 boxes asking about your response to today's Club.

The **First Box:** 'Today I trusted in Jesus for the first time.' This is if you made the decision to follow Christ and put Him first in your life for the first time.

The **Second Box:** 'Today I reaffirmed my faith in Jesus.' This is if maybe you made the decision to follow Christ in the past, but have fallen short and got caught up in sin for a while and you want to recommit your life to Christ.

The **Third Box** is 'I would like more information about the Gospel.' This is to let us know that you would like to dive deeper into the Gospel of Christ and the calling that the Lord has for your life. We would love to connect with each of you on this level.

The **Fourth Box:** 'I have already trusted in Jesus before today.' This is maybe for those of you who are already walking with Christ and have made the decision to follow Him wholeheartedly. If this is you, we still want to connect with you and walk alongside you. We hope that you continue to come to Club and join this Faith Community as we connect with each other through the Gospel.

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Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we are in awe of your Grace and the ways you have moved in our lives. If anyone here felt their heart stir with longing for you, help them to take the next step toward you. And for those who missed this time but need to hear your truth, bring them to us in the future so they, too, may be blessed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

If today was your first time, we hope you felt welcomed! Join us next week for Connect Week to experience what First Priority is all about, build community, and discover more of what God has for you.

Leader Notes:
Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a New Believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours. Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision. You want them to know that they are important to you.

See the Follow-Up Guide on www.firstpriority.club/resources for more details.

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Today, I want to share with you the incredible invitation that Jesus extends to each and every one of us. Just as Jesus invited ordinary people to follow Him during His earthly ministry, He is still extending that invitation to us today. Let's explore this invitation and discover the life-changing journey that awaits us.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV) - "**18** One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. **19** Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" **20** And they left their nets at once and followed him. **21** A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. **22** They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind."

Illustration:
Imagine a sunny day by the Sea of Galilee, where four ordinary fishermen are going about their daily tasks. They are Simon, Andrew, James, and John. They have been fishing for years, mending nets, and casting them into the water, hoping for a good catch. Little did they know that their lives were about to change forever.

One day, as they were busy with their work, a man appeared on the shoreline. It was Jesus, the Son of God. He looked into the eyes of Simon and Andrew and said, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Without hesitation, they dropped their nets and left everything behind to follow Him.

Jesus didn't stop there. He walked a little farther and found James and John with their father, Zebedee. Jesus called out to them, and just like Simon and Andrew, they left their boat, their nets, and even their father to follow Him.

Rejection:
What an extraordinary moment that must have been! These four fishermen received an invitation that would change the trajectory of their lives forever. They encountered Jesus, and in an instant, they left behind their familiar routines, their comfort zones, and everything they knew to embark on a life-altering adventure with Him.

Jesus' invitation was not just about leaving their physical possessions; it was an invitation to leave behind their old way of life and embrace a new purpose. Jesus called them to be fishers of men, to share the Good News of God's love, forgiveness, and salvation with others.

Application:
Just as Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James, and John, He calls each one of us today. He invites us to follow Him, to leave behind the things that hinder us, and to embrace a life of purpose and meaning. Jesus wants to transform us and use us to make a difference in this world.

Will you respond to His invitation today? Will you choose to follow Jesus, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to guide your steps?

It may require stepping out of your comfort zone and leaving behind certain habits or influences, but the journey with Jesus is infinitely worthwhile.

Matthew 16:24 (NIV) "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Conclusion:
The invitation to follow Jesus is extended to you today. Don't let this moment pass you by. Jesus is calling you to a life of purpose, joy, and eternal significance. Will you respond? Take that step of faith, leave behind your old way of life, and embark on an extraordinary journey with Jesus. He is waiting for you.

If you are ready to make a commitment to follow Jesus, pray this prayer with me.

Prayer:
Jesus, I come before you acknowledging my sins and my need for your forgiveness. I believe in your sacrifice on the Cross and your Resurrection. I choose to surrender my life to you today. Come into my heart, cleanse me, and make me new. Lead me on your path, and thank you for your love. In your name, I pray. Amen.



RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card.

As you finish filling out your card, we want to thank each of you for joining us today and we cannot wait to connect with you and see you next week! Let's take a moment to pray together and then we will discuss any announcements...

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we are in awe of your Grace and the ways you have moved in our lives. If anyone here felt their heart stir with longing for you, help them to take the next step toward you. And for those who missed this time but need to hear your truth, bring them to us in the future so they, too, may be blessed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be “Local Church-Engaged."

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 6:14; 1 Peter 1:3; and 1 John 3:16.

Key Takeaway: The Cross is a powerful reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and hope. Without it, we would live in a world without forgiveness, hope, or true love. Through Jesus' sacrifice, we receive the gift of forgiveness, the assurance of hope, and the call to love others sacrificially. Let’s reflect on the Cross and share this transformative message with those around us, connecting them to Christ, our Club, and the local church.

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 2:8 (NIV) - “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!”

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

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SPEAKER | DIG IN: IF NOT THE CROSS - 8 MINUTES

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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PLANNING GUIDE

WHAT WE DO WITH JESUS

First, let's evaluate! How did the last EPIC cycle go? Use the 5-Star Club Evaluation to spot any problem areas.

Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: The decision to follow Jesus is a personal response to the Gospel. Jesus asks us all, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15).

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The FOUR materials.

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PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

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SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Sharing your Faith Story is powerful! It's a way to reflect on how Jesus has transformed your life.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: John 14:6 and Joshua 24:15.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: No matter where you are in life, God is the Author of your story.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: John 14:6.

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WELCOME _____

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SPEAKER _____

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CONNECT WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Make your relationship with God a priority by seeking Him, trusting His plans, growing in faith, living out His purpose, and showing His love to others.

Resources Needed: Local church information.

Verses to Have Ready: John 14:6 and James 4:8.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 7 MINUTES

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The Question Mark: Will You Choose to Follow Jesus?
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Let's take a moment to read a few verses about this choice.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV): "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Romans 10:9 (NIV): "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

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Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to truly follow Jesus?
2. Have you made the decision to follow Him? If so, what led you to that choice?
3. How can you help others consider their own response to Jesus?

The Question Mark reminds us that the Gospel is an invitation, not just information. God is asking you to respond to His love and what Jesus has done for you. If you haven't already, take time to think about your answer. Will you choose to follow Jesus and step into the life He has for you? The decision is yours.

SPEAKER | DIG IN: WILL YOU FOLLOW HIM? - 11 MINUTES

Let's dig into God's Word today starting with the book of Matthew.

Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV) - "**13** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" **14** They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Throughout the Gospels, we encounter numerous occasions where Jesus asked thought-provoking questions. These questions were not merely meant to gather information but to invite individuals into a deeper understanding of themselves, their beliefs, and their commitment to follow Him. Today, we will reflect on some of these questions and consider the significance they hold in our own lives and the decision to follow Jesus.

One of the most pivotal moments in Jesus' ministry is recorded in Matthew 16:13-16, where Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" This question was posed in the context of the disciples' journey with Jesus, witnessing His miracles, hearing His teachings, and experiencing His presence firsthand. It was a moment of truth, a turning point that demanded a personal confession and a conscious decision.

Similarly, Jesus asks us today, "Who do you say that I am?" This question beckons us to reflect on the identity of Jesus, not just as a historical figure or a good moral teacher, but as the Son of God, the Messiah, and the Savior of the World. How we answer this question determines the course of our lives and our willingness to follow Him.

In another instance, Jesus encountered a man and asked him, "Do you want to be healed?" (John 5:6). This question may seem obvious, but it revealed a deeper desire within the man's heart. Jesus was not only addressing physical healing but also inviting the man into a transformed life. It required faith, surrender, and a willingness to let go of the past. Jesus extends the same question to us today: Do we truly desire to be healed, not only physically but spiritually, emotionally, and mentally? Are we willing to let go of our hurts, our past mistakes, and our brokenness, and allow Jesus to bring wholeness and restoration?

Furthermore, Jesus asked His disciples in John 6:67, "Will you also go away?" This question arose after many followers turned away from Him due to His teachings about eating His flesh and drinking His blood. It challenged the commitment of the disciples, prompting Peter to respond with profound words, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life" (John 6:68). Jesus' question demands a personal response from each of us. When faced with challenges and doubts, or even when the world offers alternative paths, will we remain steadfast in our decision to follow Jesus? Will we stand firm in our faith, trusting that He alone holds the words of Eternal Life?

As we look at these questions from Jesus, it becomes evident that following Him requires more than mere acknowledgment or casual commitment. It involves a personal encounter, a genuine confession of who Jesus is, a willingness to be healed and transformed, and an unwavering commitment to remain faithful, even in the face of challenges.

So, will you follow Jesus? Will you embrace His identity as the Son of God? Will you allow Him to bring healing and wholeness to your life? Will you commit to Him, knowing that He holds the words of Eternal Life?

May we all respond to Jesus' questions with hearts filled with faith, surrender, and a resounding "yes." As we journey with Him, let us continually seek His presence, draw strength from His teachings, and live as faithful disciples, knowing that in following Jesus, we find true life, purpose, and eternal joy.

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Discussion Questions:

1. What areas of my life need to be transformed by Jesus?
2. How can I deepen my relationship with Jesus?
3. What challenges or temptations threaten my commitment to follow Jesus?

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.**

Let's take a moment to think about those in our lives who are searching for hope and truth. Write down a few names of people who could use your prayers this week and ask God to reveal Himself to them.

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Allow 2-3 minutes for students to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Father, thank you for the chance to gather today and learn more about your Word.

Let's pause to silently bring before you those in our lives who are lost and in need of your salvation. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We lift up those who are lost and in need of your salvation. Give us wisdom and compassion as we share your love with them this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to truly follow Jesus?
2. Have you made the decision to follow Him? If so, what led you to that choice?
3. How can you help others consider their own response to Jesus?

The Question Mark reminds us that the Gospel is an invitation, not just information. God is asking you to respond to His love and what Jesus has done for you. If you haven't already, take time to think about your answer. Will you choose to follow Jesus and step into the life He has for you? The decision is yours.

SPEAKER | DIG IN: WILL YOU FOLLOW HIM? - 11 MINUTES

Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV) - "**13** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" **14** They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Throughout the Gospels, we encounter numerous occasions where Jesus asked thought-provoking questions. These questions were not merely meant to gather information but to invite individuals into a deeper understanding of themselves, their beliefs, and their commitment to follow Him.

One of the most pivotal moments in Jesus' ministry is recorded in Matthew 16:13-16, where Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" This question was posed in the context of the disciples' journey with Jesus, witnessing His miracles, hearing His teachings, and experiencing His presence firsthand. It was a moment of truth, a turning point that demanded a personal confession and a conscious decision.

Similarly, Jesus asks us today, "Who do you say that I am?" This question beckons us to reflect on the identity of Jesus, not just as a historical figure or a good moral teacher, but as the Son of God, the Messiah, and the Savior of the World. How we answer this question determines the course of our lives and our willingness to follow Him.

In another instance, Jesus encountered a man and asked him, "Do you want to be healed?" (John 5:6). This question may seem obvious, but it revealed a deeper desire within the man's heart. Jesus was not only addressing physical healing but also inviting the man into a transformed life. It required faith, surrender, and a willingness to let go of the past. Jesus extends the same question to us today: Do we truly desire to be healed, not only physically but spiritually, emotionally, and mentally? Are we willing to let go of our hurts, our past mistakes, and our brokenness, and allow Jesus to bring wholeness and restoration?

Furthermore, Jesus asked His disciples in John 6:67, "Will you also go away?" This question arose after many followers turned away from Him due to His teachings about eating His flesh and drinking His blood. It challenged the commitment of the disciples, prompting Peter to respond with profound words, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life" (John 6:68). Jesus' question demands a personal response from each of us. When faced with challenges and doubts, or even when the world offers alternative paths, will we remain steadfast in our decision to follow Jesus?

As we look at these questions from Jesus, it becomes evident that following Him requires more than mere acknowledgment or casual commitment. It involves a personal encounter, a genuine confession of who Jesus is, a willingness to be healed and transformed, and an unwavering commitment to remain faithful, even in the face of challenges.

So, will you follow Jesus? Will you embrace His identity as the Son of God? Will you allow Him to bring healing and wholeness to your life? Will you commit to Him, knowing that He holds the words of Eternal Life? May we all respond to Jesus' questions with hearts filled with faith, surrender, and a resounding "yes."

Discussion Questions:

1. What areas of my life need to be transformed by Jesus?
2. How can I deepen my relationship with Jesus?
3. What challenges or temptations threaten my commitment to follow Jesus?



HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Leader Tip: **Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.**

Let's take a moment to think about those in our lives who are searching for hope and truth. Write down a few names of people who could use your prayers this week, and ask God to reveal Himself to them.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Father, thank you for the chance to gather today and learn more about your Word. We lift up those who are lost and in need of your salvation. Give us wisdom and compassion as we share your love with them this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Prepare Week

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Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Student Testimonies: As students continue working on their Faith Stories, connect with any students who seem like they may be ready to share out loud. If there are students having a hard time, or you notice students are struggling, have 1-2 Student Leaders share their stories first to provide an example.

Verses to Have Ready: John 14:6 and Joshua 24:15.

Key Takeaway: Sharing your Faith Story is powerful! It's a way to reflect on how Jesus has transformed your life and to inspire others to make that life-changing decision to follow Him. The decision to follow Jesus is the most important one you'll ever make, and it impacts both your present and eternity.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet.

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Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: THE ULTIMATE DECISION - 10 MINUTES

We are going to dig into the Word of God in the book of Joshua.

Joshua 24:15 (NIV) - "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"

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Invite Cards: Have Student Leaders pass out Invite Cards to students.

Before we leave Club, we're going to take a moment to fill out the Invite Cards we provided. Make sure to write down all the details clearly so they're ready to hand out. Once you're done, use them to invite your friends and classmates to join us next time!

Give students a moment to fill out Invite Cards and ask any questions.

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to share different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
- Remind everyone about upcoming school breaks or schedule changes.

Leader Notes:

- Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!
- Prepare for INVITE Week! Review the Leader Roles and keep everyone on the same page. Use this as an opportunity to recruit new leaders!

Club Coach Tip: During next month's PREPARE Week, up to two students will have the option to share their Faith Stories. Be intentional about recognizing students who may be ready and offer support outside of the Club to help them prepare.

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(Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident, and sharing the right things. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Key Takeaway: No matter where you are in life, God is the Author of your story. Though mistakes and brokenness may feel like torn-out pages, Jesus came to restore and rewrite your story with His love, grace, and forgiveness. By accepting Jesus into your heart and trusting Him as your Savior, God can transform your life, bringing peace, purpose, and eternal joy. Will you let God guide the next chapter of your story?

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SPEAKER | GOSPEL PRESENTATION - 5 MINUTES

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That's where Jesus comes in. God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to bridge the gap between us and Him. Jesus lived a perfect life—a life without mistakes or missing pieces. He willingly took the punishment for our mistakes by dying on the cross. But that wasn't the end of the story! Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death and offering us the chance to be reconciled with God.

So how do we let God rewrite our story? It starts with a simple decision: accepting Jesus into our hearts. When we believe in Him, ask for forgiveness, and invite Him to be the Lord of our lives, something amazing happens. God begins to rewrite our story—restoring what was broken, healing what was hurt, and giving us hope for the future.

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So, my friends, today I want to encourage you to consider this incredible gift that God offers. If you haven't accepted Jesus into your heart, I invite you to do so today. And for those who have, let's continue to trust God as the Author of our lives, letting Him lead us step by step.

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If you have felt God tugging at your heart for a while, or maybe what you heard today has you ready to jump in and allow God to be the Lord of your life and accept Jesus as your Savior, pray this simple prayer with me.

Prayer:
Father God, I come to you in repentance, knowing I have sinned. I believe in Jesus, who died for my sins and rose again to give me New Life. I ask for your forgiveness and invite you into my heart to lead me. Help me to live in obedience to you and trust in your love. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card. As you will see on the cards, there are 5 boxes asking about your response to today's Club. The **First Box:** 'Today I trusted in Jesus for the first time.' This is if you made the decision to follow Christ and put Him first in your life for the first time. The **Second Box:** 'Today I reaffirmed my faith in Jesus.' This is if maybe you made the decision to follow Christ in the past, but have fallen short and got caught up in sin for a while and you want to recommit your life to Christ. The **Third Box** is 'I would like more information about the Gospel.' This is to let us know that you would like to dive deeper into the Gospel of Christ and the calling that the Lord has for your life. We would love to connect with each of you on this level. The **Fourth Box:** 'I have already trusted in Jesus before today." This is maybe for those of you who are already walking with Christ and have made the decision to follow Him wholeheartedly. If this is you, we still want to connect with you and walk alongside you. We hope that you continue to come to Club and join this Faith Community as we connect with each other through the Gospel.

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

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FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a New Believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours. Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision.

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That's where Jesus comes in. God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to bridge the gap between us and Him. Jesus lived a perfect life—a life without mistakes or missing pieces. He willingly took the punishment for our mistakes by dying on the cross. But that wasn't the end of the story! Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death and offering us the chance to be reconciled with God.

So how do we let God rewrite our story? It starts with a simple decision: accepting Jesus into our hearts. When we believe in Him, ask for forgiveness, and invite Him to be the Lord of our lives, something amazing happens. God begins to rewrite our story—restoring what was broken, healing what was hurt, and giving us hope for the future.

Life may not be perfect, but with Jesus by our side, we can trust the Author of our story to guide us through every twist and turn. He fills the gaps in our lives with His love, grace, and forgiveness, and we can find peace in knowing we are never alone.

So, my friends, today I want to encourage you to consider this incredible gift that God offers. If you haven't accepted Jesus into your heart, I invite you to do so today. And for those who have, let's continue to trust God as the Author of our lives, letting Him lead us step by step.

Remember, no matter how incomplete or broken your story may feel, God's love has the power to transform your life and bring you peace, purpose, and eternal joy. Will you let Him write the next chapter of your story?

If you have felt God tugging at your heart for a while, or maybe what you heard today has you ready to jump in and allow God to be the Lord of your life and accept Jesus as your Savior, pray this simple prayer with me.

Prayer:
Father God, I come to you in repentance, knowing I have sinned. I believe in Jesus, who died for my sins and rose again to give me New Life. I ask for your forgiveness and invite you into my heart to lead me. Help me to live in obedience to you and trust in your love. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card.

As you finish filling out your card, we want to thank each of you for joining us today. We cannot wait to connect with you and see you next week! Let's take a moment to pray together and then we will discuss any announcements.

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we are so blessed to know you and to have had this time to share your love with one another. If someone here felt you calling them, may they seek you without hesitation. And Lord, for those who weren't here but need to hear the hope and salvation you offer, make a way for them to join us next time. Amen.

HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month)

If it was your first time today, we'd love for you to come back next week for Connect Week! It's the best way to see what First Priority is like each week, meet new friends, and grow in faith.

Leader Notes: Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

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FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a New Believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours. Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision.

See the Follow-Up Guide on www.firstpriority.club/resources for more details.

Prepare for CONNECT Week: Who will be responsible for the areas listed in the First Priority Club app?

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Verses to Have Ready: John 14:6 and James 4:8.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be “Local Church-Engaged."

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

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Leader Tip: **Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: WHAT'S NEXT? - 10 MINUTES

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES

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PLANNING GUIDE

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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Second, let's make sure no one is forgotten. Did all students who made a decision to follow Christ go through the follow-up process? Use this guide to help students navigate their next steps!

Third, let's learn! Visit firstpriority.club/servantleadership for resources and videos to use during your planning meeting.

FINALLY, let's plan the next EPIC cycle!

EQUIP WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: The FOUR is a simple way to understand and share the Gospel.

Resources Needed: Prayer Cards and The FOUR materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 3:16; and 1 Peter 3:18.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

PREPARE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Be bold in sharing your faith, as it can bring light and hope to those around you.

Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8 and Psalm 42:1-2.

PROMO _____

WELCOME _____

HOST _____

SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

INVITE WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: Jesus offers us hope, love, and a fresh start.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; Matthew 4:18-22; and Matthew 16:24.

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SPEAKER _____

FOLLOW UP _____

CONNECT WEEK DATE

Key Takeaway: We are called to stay connected to Christ, our faith community, and our church—and to help others do the same.

Resources Needed: Local church information.

Verses to Have Ready: Philippians 2:8; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 6:14; 1 Peter 1:3; and 1 John 3:16.

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Happening This Month: It is the last month of the year! Whether you have been following this EPIC Guide all year, or just started a few months ago and are skipping to the end, you are likely preparing your last few weeks of Club! Be intentional about your last INVITE Week, and if you can, do something special like a party or a celebration, Don't forget to invite as many friends as you can to hear the Gospel one more time before the summer!

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GAMES, VIDEOS, AND ICEBREAKERS!

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 7 MINUTES

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The story begins with God's incredible love for us. God created each of us with a purpose and desires a personal relationship with us. His love is boundless, unconditional, and demonstrated through His plan to restore us.

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SPEAKER | DIG IN: EMBRACING THE GREAT COMMISSION? - 8 MINUTES

Let's dig into God's Word today by reading a few verses from the book of Matthew.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) - "**19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Imagine you are hiking up a steep mountain, filled with beautiful landscapes and breathtaking views. As you reach the summit, you come across a sparkling, refreshing spring. The water is pure, life-giving, and invigorating. You can't help but take a long drink and experience the rejuvenation it brings to your weary body. Now, imagine that water representing the Gospel, and you, as a student, are the one carrying it to others who are spiritually thirsty. That's the essence of the Great Commission.

As students, we often find ourselves immersed in the journey of education, striving to learn and grow academically. However, there is a greater purpose that awaits us beyond the walls of our schools and colleges.

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does the illustration of the hiker and the refreshing spring relate to our role as students in fulfilling the Great Commission?
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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Have Student Leaders pass out Prayer Cards.

Before we finish, let's take some time to reflect on those around us who may be longing for the peace and joy that Christ offers. Write their names on a piece of paper as a reminder to pray for them throughout the week.

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Take a moment now to silently lift up the names of those who need to know you. *(Pause for silent prayer.)*

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Imagine you are hiking up a steep mountain, filled with beautiful landscapes and breathtaking views. As you reach the summit, you come across a sparkling, refreshing spring. The water is pure, life-giving, and invigorating. You can't help but take a long drink and experience the rejuvenation it brings to your weary body. Now, imagine that water representing the Gospel, and you, as a student, are the one carrying it to others who are spiritually thirsty. That's the essence of the Great Commission.

As students, we often find ourselves immersed in the journey of education, striving to learn and grow academically. However, there is a greater purpose that awaits us beyond the walls of our schools and colleges. Jesus, before ascending to heaven, entrusted us with a powerful mission known as the Great Commission. He called us to share His love, truth, and salvation with everyone around us.

Just like the hiker who discovered the refreshing spring, we have tasted the living water of Christ's grace and forgiveness. It has transformed our lives and given us hope. But this water is not meant to be kept to ourselves; it is meant to be shared with others who are spiritually thirsty. We are called to go out into our schools, communities, and the world to make disciples and lead them to the life-giving water of the Gospel.

Leader Tip: **Break into small groups or have a large group discussion based on Club size. Give students 1-2 minutes per question based on Club time.**

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the illustration of the hiker and the refreshing spring relate to our role as students in fulfilling the Great Commission?
2. Why do you think Jesus specifically mentioned "all nations" in the Great Commission? How does that impact our perspective on sharing the Gospel?
3. What are some practical ways we can actively engage in fulfilling the Great Commission as students, considering our unique contexts and relationships?

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 5 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Before we finish, let's take some time to reflect on those around us who may be longing for the peace and joy that Christ offers. Write their names on a piece of paper as a reminder to pray for them throughout the week.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Gracious God, we thank you for bringing us together in fellowship and faith. We pray for those who have not yet come to know you as their Savior. May your Holy Spirit work in their hearts, and may we be a reflection of your love for them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Prepare Week

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Resources Needed: My Faith Story Sheet or other Gospel materials.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 1:16 and Matthew 5:14-16.

Student Testimonies: Some students may be ready to share their Faith Story after last month's writing. Follow up with them, and if anyone is unsure how to start, or maybe how to finish, consider having 1-2 Student Leaders share as an example. This is the last PREPARE Week this semester. Be sure students are feeling confident and ready to go out and share their testimony during the last INVITE Week and at any given opportunity during the summer break!

Key Takeaway: Sharing your Faith Story is a powerful way to witness to others, focusing on your life before Christ, how you encountered Jesus, and how He has transformed your life. When you share your story, be sure to include the Gospel, as it's the message of hope and transformation that others need to hear. Be bold in sharing your faith, as it can bring light and hope to those around you.

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SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

Let's spend some time preparing to do our part to reach our campus for Christ.

Learning to Share Your Story: Use the My Faith Story Sheet. Have Student Leaders hand out the My Faith Story Sheet.

Let's take a moment to talk about how you can share your Faith Story. It can be very simple! Using the My Faith Story Sheet, it guides you to focus on three parts: your life before Christ, how you encountered Jesus, and your life since knowing Him.

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Leader Tip: **Give students time to work on and discuss their stories and have Student Leaders help those who may be new to this. Encourage students to practice sharing their stories with a friend in the Club. If time is limited, make sure students finish writing out their stories at home.**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: BOLD WITNESSES: SHARING YOUR FAITH - 9 MINUTES

We are going to dig into the Word of God in the book of Matthew.

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As students, we have a unique opportunity to make a significant impact on our peers, teachers, and communities. God calls us to be bold witnesses, shining His light and sharing the hope we have found in Him. But why is it important for us to share our faith?

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Give students a moment to fill out Invite Cards and ask any questions.

HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES (OR REMAINING TIME)

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to share different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students' lives to be forever changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

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Announcement Suggestions:

- Share upcoming Club events or special activities.
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(Remember to follow up with any students, especially those who accepted Christ for the first time!)

It is always helpful to have an experienced Student Leader or Campus Coach talk through and look over a Speaker's Story before sharing. This helps make sure the Speaker is prepared and confident, and sharing the right things. What are the right things? 1. Bringing glory to Jesus rather than emphasizing sin. 2. Emphasizing the grace we have in Jesus rather than following religion and rules.

Resources Needed: Response Cards.

Key Takeaway: Jesus offers us hope, love, and a fresh start. We all need Him because sin separates us from God, but through Jesus' sacrifice, we can be forgiven and transformed. When we surrender to Him, He gives us a new heart and a new purpose—will you open your heart to Him today?

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The Invitation:
Now comes the most important part: the invitation. Jesus calls us to repentance and surrender. He extends His hand and invites us to turn away from our sinful ways and follow Him. This call is not a burden but a liberation—a release from the chains that have held us captive for far too long.

Acts 3:19 (NIV) - "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

Surrendering to Jesus means acknowledging that we cannot save ourselves. It requires humbly admitting our need for a Savior and recognizing that Jesus is the only one who can truly transform our lives. It involves handing over the reins of our lives to Him, trusting that His plans are far greater than our own.

The Promise of Transformation:
When we surrender to Jesus, something incredible happens. He enters into our lives and begins a process of transformation. He forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. He fills us with His Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live a life of righteousness and bear fruit that brings glory to God.

Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV) - "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

This surrender is not a one-time event but a lifelong journey. It is a daily decision to follow Jesus, to seek His will, and to align our lives with His teachings. It means embracing His Love, His Grace, and His Truth in every area of our lives—our thoughts, words, actions, relationships, and ambitions.

The Call to Action:
So today, my dear friends, I invite you to respond to this call of surrender. Open your hearts to Jesus and let Him transform you from within. Choose to turn away from your sin and receive His forgiveness.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV) - "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Embrace the light of His love and allow Him to guide you on the path of righteousness. If you're ready to make this commitment, I encourage you to pray with me:

Prayer:
"Dear Jesus, I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and rose again. Today, I choose to surrender my life to you. Please come into my heart, forgive my sins, and make me new. I want to follow you all the days of my life. Thank you for your love and grace. In your precious name, I pray. Amen."



RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card. As you will see on the cards, there are 5 boxes asking about your response to today's Club.

The **First Box:** 'Today I trusted in Jesus for the first time.' This is if you made the decision to follow Christ and put Him first in your life for the first time.

The **Second Box:** 'Today I reaffirmed my faith in Jesus.' This is if maybe you made the decision to follow Christ in the past, but have fallen short and got caught up in sin for a while and you want to recommit your life to Christ.

The **Third Box** is 'I would like more information about the Gospel.' This is to let us know that you would like to dive deeper into the Gospel of Christ and the calling that the Lord has for your life. We would love to connect with each of you on this level.

The **Fourth Box:** 'I have already trusted in Jesus before today." This is maybe for those of you who are already walking with Christ and have made the decision to follow Him wholeheartedly. If this is you, we still want to connect with you and walk alongside you. We hope that you continue to come to Club and join this Faith Community as we connect with each other through the Gospel.

The **last box** is for anyone who is not interested in what you heard today in Club. If this is you, we want to encourage you and let you know that no matter your beliefs or place in life, you are still welcome and wanted here. We love having each and every one of you. There is space here for everyone no matter where you are on your walk with Christ, even if you may not be walking with Christ yet.

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HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

(This is the place for the Club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month.)

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Leader Notes:
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This is a great spot to add Student Leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks. Your Faculty Sponsor is a great resource for this.

FOLLOW-UP: Collect all Response Cards and sort them before leaving the room after Club. Follow-up is key and can be urgent for a new believer. If there is no time for the team to sort them, have a Student Leader take them and sort them within the next few hours (Do not do this during class time when you should be working or paying attention!). Send the name of each person who made a decision to the person who brought them or another friend so they can follow up appropriately. Make a plan to review and pray over them with your Campus Coach and Adult Leaders. Plan to connect soon with any students who had questions or made a decision. You want them to know that they are important to you.

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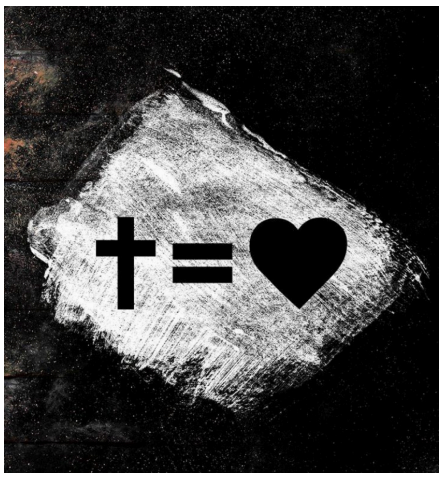
Prepare for CONNECT Week: Who will be responsible for the areas listed in the First Priority Club App?



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The Invitation:
Now comes the most important part: the invitation. Jesus calls us to repentance and surrender. He extends His hand and invites us to turn away from our sinful ways and follow Him. This call is not a burden but a liberation—a release from the chains that have held us captive for far too long.

Acts 3:19 (NIV) - "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

Surrendering to Jesus means acknowledging that we cannot save ourselves. It requires humbly admitting our need for a Savior and recognizing that Jesus is the only one who can truly transform our lives. It involves handing over the reins of our lives to Him, trusting that His plans are far greater than our own.

The Promise of Transformation:
When we surrender to Jesus, something incredible happens. He enters into our lives and begins a process of transformation. He forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. He fills us with His Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live a life of righteousness and bear fruit that brings glory to God.

Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV) - "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

This surrender is not a one-time event but a lifelong journey. It is a daily decision to follow Jesus, to seek His will, and to align our lives with His teachings. It means embracing His Love, His Grace, and His Truth in every area of our lives—our thoughts, words, actions, relationships, and ambitions.

The Call to Action:
So today, my dear friends, I invite you to respond to this call of surrender. Open your hearts to Jesus and let Him transform you from within. Choose to turn away from your sin and receive His forgiveness.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV) - "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Embrace the light of His love and allow Him to guide you on the path of righteousness. If you're ready to make this commitment, I encourage you to pray with me:

Prayer:
"Dear Jesus, I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and rose again. Today, I choose to surrender my life to you. Please come into my heart, forgive my sins, and make me new. I want to follow you all the days of my life. Thank you for your love and grace. In your precious name, I pray. Amen."



RESPONSE TIME | 5 MINUTES

Before we leave today, our Student Leaders are going to pass out Response Cards for you to fill out. If you related to or felt moved today, please take a moment to fill out a Response Card.

As you finish filling out your card, we want to thank each of you for joining us today. We cannot wait to connect with you and see you next week! Let's take a moment to pray together and then we will discuss any announcements.

Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the time we've had to connect with you and each other. Fill us with boldness to share your love and truth this week. We pray for those who don't yet know you, that you would transform their hearts and draw them closer to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.



HOST | ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1 MINUTE

Leader Notes:
Remember to file the report on this week's Club numbers!

See the Follow-Up Guide on www.firstpriority.club/resources for more details.

Prepare for CONNECT Week: Who will be responsible for the areas listed in the First Priority Club app?

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Reminder: Club time is designed to last 25-30 min. If your Club has less time, adapt the EPIC Guide to best fit what your Club specifically needs. Use the Holy Spirit's guidance to discern what is best to cover during the time you have.

Verses to Have Ready: Romans 1:16 and Romans 10:14-15.

Resources Needed: Local church information for students to be “Local Church-Engaged."

Key Takeaway: We are called to stay connected to Christ, our faith community, and our church—and to help others do the same. Sharing our faith isn’t just for pastors; it’s for all of us! When we step out and tell others about Jesus, we become part of God’s plan to bring hope and salvation to the world.

Student Leader Roles:

- **Promo -** Promote the Club through social media, announcements, and any other outlets the school allows.
- **Welcome -** Stand at the door and welcome students to the Club as they arrive. Be sure to connect any new students to the Club and Leadership so they feel like they have a place.
- **Host -** Start the Club with the Welcome, Prayer, Game (if applicable), and Memory Verse.
- **Speaker -** Lead the Club through Tool Time and Dig In, using the EPIC Guide and any supporting materials.
- **Follow-Up -** Follow up with new (or newer) students, and students who accepted Christ for the first time or want to know more. This role requires follow-up every week, not just after INVITE Weeks.

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Let's start today's Club with prayer.

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Game - (if you have time!): Feel free to select a game that fits your needs best!

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MEMORY VERSE: Romans 1:16 (NIV) - “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

SPEAKER | TOOL TIME - 10 MINUTES

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Leader Tip: **Invite a Club Coach to share about their church!**

SPEAKER | DIG IN: THE POWER OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM - 11 MINUTES

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV) - 14 "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **15** And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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HOST | PRAYER TIME - 3 MINUTES

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