

Adult Training Materials



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Dear First Priority Adult Leaders,

We are excited to introduce the **HOPE Training Materials** for the upcoming year! These materials are designed to **equip, encourage, and prepare you** to lead with confidence, clarity, and purpose.

The **HOPE training is intended to be experienced in a group setting**. For adults, it should be completed together prior to Clubs beginning, either in person or virtually. For students, this training will ideally take place during the first two weeks of Club Meetings. Walking through the material as a team ensures shared understanding, unified vision, and strong leadership from the very start.

This training is vital, not only for understanding the mission and vision of First Priority, but also for the practical content, structure, and expectations that guide our Clubs. Inside, you will gain clarity on roles and responsibilities for both Adult and Student Leaders, helping you step confidently into your unique leadership position.

As we introduce HOPE to our areas this year, you will notice **several new and exciting elements**, including:

- Additional Roles and Opportunities for Adults on Campus. (*Your FP staff will choose the model that works for their area to see in schools!*)
- Special Edition Lessons.
- A Weekly Connection Point with Local Churches.
- An Introductory Week Lesson.
- And More Tools to Strengthen and Support Your Club!

Each of these components has been thoughtfully developed to help **create vibrant, Student-Led Clubs** that are well-supported by adults and connected to the Local Church Community.

Over the next several pages, we will walk you step by step through everything you need to effectively mentor as an Adult Leader.

Our goal is simple: to equip you to **take HOPE to your campus in a meaningful and sustainable way**. So gather your fellow First Priority leaders, come ready to learn and grow together, and let's dive in!

With excitement for the year ahead,
First Priority of America Staff

WHAT IS FIRST PRIORITY?

First Priority is a **Student-Led Club** where students take the **HOPE of Christ** to their peers on campus. It's a **Gospel-Focused Movement** equipping students to influence their school with the Gospel.



TAKING THE HOPE OF CHRIST TO EVERY STUDENT!

**UNITING THE LOCAL CHURCH TO
IMPACT THE SCHOOLS WITH THE GOSPEL
THROUGH STUDENT-LED CLUBS.**



**GOSPEL-FOCUSED
STUDENT-LED
STRATEGY-BASED
LOCAL CHURCH-ENGAGED**

FP Leadership Structure

STUDENT LEADER & ADULT SUPPORT

Planning ahead as a team makes each First Priority Club run smoothly. Below is what you are signing students up for on the STUDENT SIGNUP SHEET in the MENTOR GUIDE. After each Club, take a few minutes together to debrief: *What went well? What could we improve next time?*

WELCOME TEAM

- **Student Role:** Stands at the door with a welcome sign and greets students with a smile.
- **Adult Role:** Monitors the door, high-fives students, and sets a positive tone.

FOOD TEAM

- **Student Role:** Helps set up and serve food.
- **Adult Role:** Picks up the food and arranges the serving area.
 - **Note:** Procedures may vary by school — check with your Club Mentor.

HOST

- **Student Role:** Opens the meeting with a welcome and prayer, and closes with the Challenge and a final prayer.
- **Adult Role:** Supports as needed with prayer or transitions. May help lead a game, if time allows.

SPEAKER

- **Student Role:** Shares the message using the Student Leader Guide and is available afterward to pray or talk with others.
- **Adult Role:** Offers encouragement, helps with pronunciation, and supports the student speaker as needed.

CLEAN-UP CREW

- **Student Role:** Wipes down tables, picks up trash, and cleans up the space.
- **Adult Role:** Distributes cleaning supplies and takes out trash after the meeting.
 - One of First Priority's mottos: "Leave people and places better than we found them."

FOLLOW-UP TEAM (Encounter Week)

- **Student Role:** Passes out and collects Response Cards, gives out Next Steps cards and Bibles, and connects new believers to a local church.
- **Adult Role:** Assists with collection, helps follow up with students who made a decision. Ensures each student has a church connection.

When students and adults work together, and each plays their part, First Priority Clubs become a place where the Gospel is shared, lives are changed, and the love of Christ reaches every corner of the school.

FP Leadership Structure

FP STAFF

FACULTY SPONSOR

- Attend Club Meetings
- Ensure Club Follows All School Policies
- Serve as Liaison to School Administration
- Provide Meeting Room
- Distribute Printed Resources to Students

CO-CLUB MENTOR (Mobilizer)

- Actively Follow Jesus & Engage in a Local Church
- Prepare & Guide Students to Confidently Lead & Fulfill Their Roles
- Foster a Fun, Welcoming Environment
- Lead Monthly Meetings & Pre-Club Huddles
- Build Rapport With Principal & Faculty
- Include All Students; Ensure No One Sits Alone
- Send Post-Club Messages With Encouragement & Action Items

OPTIONAL: CO-CLUB MENTOR (Organizer)

- Actively Follow Jesus & Engage in a Local Church
- Submit Club Report & Assign Roles in the App
- Ensure All Necessary Resources Are Available
- Support Students With Slides, Music, & Logistics
- Send Meeting Reminders in the Group Chat
- Welcome & Guide Visitors to Club Meetings
- Meet Monthly With Students to Plan

STUDENT ROLES

MANAGER

- Help Support All Other Roles
- Ensure Everyone Is Prepped and Knows Their Role
- Make Sure Food is Provided for Club

WELCOME LEADER

- Create an Inviting Club: Everyone Belongs
- Music, Door Greeters, Signage
- Prepare Food
- Put Out Sign-In Sheet and Have Students Sign In
- No One Sits Alone

HOST LEADER

- Keep the Meeting Flowing
- Lead a Game or Funny Video
- Make Announcements
- Explain the Focus of the Week

SPEAKER

- Speak Confidently & Loud Enough
- Teach Club Content
- Prepare & Read Content At Least 1 Day Before Club (*Out-Loud to Yourself*)
- During Question Time, Have Students Break Into Groups of 2-5 for Discussion

PROMO LEADER

- Promote First Priority to the School
- Speak on Announcements
- Run Social Media Accounts

FOLLOW-UP

- Help Students Take Next Step in Following Jesus
- Lead Response Time
- Follow-Up: Response Cards & Prayer Requests
- Give Out Bibles

TECH

- Get Music Playing Before Club Starts
- Get Slides Ready
- Run Slides During Club
- Keep Track of Sign-In Sheet

Club Mentor Role

VOLUNTEER LEADER | SPIRITUAL INFLUENCER | STUDENT EMPOWERMENT CHAMPION

ROLE OVERVIEW:

First Priority Club Mentors play a vital role in helping students lead Christ-centered Clubs on their campus. This is a **student-led, coach-supported** model where your role is to **equip, encourage, and empower** students to take ownership of their Club.

PRIMARY PURPOSE:

To support Student Leaders in building a consistent, welcoming, and impactful First Priority Club that reaches their campus with the hope of Christ.

TIME COMMITMENT: 30 - 60 MINUTES PER WEEK. QUICK WEEKLY TOUCHPOINT WITH STUDENT LEADERS.

Volunteer Support Role

VOLUNTEERS ASSIST WITH LOGISTICS AND ATMOSPHERE, HELPING CREATE A SPACE WHERE STUDENTS FEEL SUPPORTED AND EMPOWERED TO LEAD.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be present and engaged at Club Meetings.
- Pick up and serve food.
- Set up the room and play music, create a welcoming space.
- Interact with students by asking the Random Question.
- Complete Club Reporting in a timely manner.
- Encourage your church to pray for and support the Club.

THE IMPACT: WHEN YOU INVEST IN A FEW STUDENT LEADERS, YOU HELP SPARK A MOVEMENT THAT CAN IMPACT AN ENTIRE CAMPUS.

FIRST PRIORITY CLUB MENTOR COMMITMENT

As a Club Mentor, I recognize my role as a spiritual leader, mentor, and partner in helping students carry out the mission of First Priority on their campus. I commit to investing in Student Leaders, supporting the Club structure, and helping create opportunities for students to reach their peers.

My Role as a Club Mentor

I agree to:

- Meet regularly with the Student Leadership Team and Faculty Sponsor to plan and prepare for Club Meetings.
- Guide and advise students as they implement the First Priority strategy, while allowing them to lead.
- Provide First Priority resources and tools to support the effectiveness of the Club.
- Encourage and assist in the follow-up process, helping students connect new believers and interested peers into community.
- Stay engaged in First Priority network meetings and maintain consistent communication with my First Priority Coordinator.
- Encourage students to navigate denominational questions through conversations with their local church.

Church & Community Engagement

I commit to:

- Actively engaging my Local Church in the mission of First Priority.
- Helping build a culture of prayer, generosity, and service around the campus.
- Identifying and inviting potential volunteers, Club Mentors, and Priority Parents.
- Supporting events and initiatives that expand the reach of the ministry.

Spiritual & Personal Commitment

- Maintain an active and growing relationship with Him.
- Be actively involved in a local church that aligns with the First Priority Statement of Faith.
- Live a life that reflects biblical integrity, avoiding behaviors that Scripture identifies as disqualifying (Galatians 5:19–21, 1 Corinthians 6:9–10).
- Set an example “in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12; Galatians 5:22–25).

Safety & Accountability

I commit to maintaining a safe and accountable environment by:

- Following the Two Adult Rule at all times.
- Ensuring that no adult is ever alone with students without proper coverage.
- Making sure that if one adult must leave, another approved adult is present.
- Ensuring that if two adults are related, a third unrelated adult is present.

Statement of Faith

We believe that God loves all people and has made a way for us to be restored to Him through Jesus Christ:

- God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to restore our relationship with Him.
- God gives His Spirit, to empower believers to live holy lives.
- God gives His Word, the Bible, as the source of absolute truth.
- God gives His Commission, to proclaim the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- God gives His Church, to equip believers to reach the world.

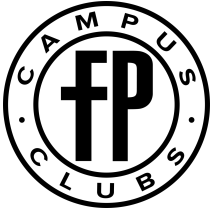
By signing below, I affirm that I align with the beliefs outlined above and commit to faithfully serving as a Club Mentor. I will uphold these responsibilities with integrity, support Student Leaders, and help advance the mission of First Priority on my campus.

NAME: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **CHURCH AFFILIATION:** _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____



FIRST PRIORITY CLUB

FACULTY SPONSOR COMMITMENT

As a Faculty Sponsor for a First Priority Club, I understand the important role I play in supporting a Student-Led initiative on my campus. I commit to providing a consistent, welcoming, and compliant environment where students can gather and lead.

My Role as a Faculty Sponsor

I agree to:

- Be present at all Club Meetings as required under the Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. 4071-74).
- Ensure the Club operates within all school policies and procedures.
- Serve as a liaison between Student Leaders and school administration.
- Help provide access to a meeting space that is open and ready each week.
- Attend Planning Meetings as a chaperone and observer when needed.
- Support Student Leaders while allowing them to lead the Club.
- Seek to understand the mission and structure of First Priority.
- Assist with communication and distribution of resources when needed.
- Maintain accurate attendance records as required by the school.

By signing below, I commit to serving as a Faculty Sponsor with integrity, supporting Student Leaders, and helping create a space where students can freely and respectfully live out their faith on campus.

School Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

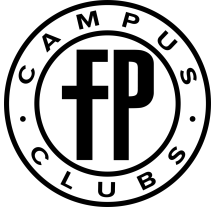
Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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We believe that God loves all people and has made a way for us to be restored to Him through Jesus Christ.

- God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, who lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose again so that we may have a relationship with Him.
- God gives His Spirit, to empower believers to live lives that reflect Him.
- God gives His Word, the Bible, as the source of truth and guidance.
- God gives His Commission, calling believers to share the message of Jesus with others.
- God gives His Church, to equip and encourage believers to impact the world.



FIRST PRIORITY CLUB

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT FORM

Thank you for saying "yes" to making an eternal impact in the lives of students. As a volunteer with First Priority, you are helping take the hope of Christ to middle and high school campuses by equipping, encouraging, and empowering students to lead their peers in faith. This ministry would not exist without you, and we are so grateful.

Our Mission:

Taking the Hope of Christ to Every Student!

Our Vision:

Uniting the Local Church to Impact the Schools with the Gospel through Student-Led Clubs.

Volunteer Expectations:

As a First Priority volunteer, you serve as a consistent, Christ-centered presence on campus. The following expectations help us serve students with excellence, unity, and love:

- **Spiritual Commitment**
 - I am a follower of Jesus and growing in my relationship with Him.
 - I am an active member of a local church and involved in serving there.
 - I commit to pray for the students, schools, and our team regularly.
- **Student Engagement**
 - I will make every effort to ensure students feel seen, heard, and valued.
 - I will encourage and empower students as they take the lead in the Club.
 - I will model Christlike behavior in word, attitude, and action.
- **Team Communication**
 - I will communicate consistently in the team group text, especially regarding my availability, so our team can stay unified and prepared each week.
 - I will give advance notice if I am unable to attend a Club Meeting.
- **Serving with Excellence**
 - I will arrive on time and stay engaged during Club Meetings.
 - I will support Student Leaders without taking over, stepping in only when needed.
 - I will follow all school guidelines, safety expectations, and ministry policies.

We believe God has placed you here for a purpose. You are more than a volunteer; you are a part of a mission to reach this generation with the Gospel message. Thank you for showing up faithfully and for being a blessing to our team and to every student you serve.

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

I have read and agree to uphold the expectations listed above as a First Priority volunteer.

NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

THE FIRST PRIORITY CLUB APP

Download the First Priority Club App today and start managing your Club Resources, Meetings, and Reporting more efficiently!

What You Need To Do Now:

- Scan the QR Code.
- Use your cell phone number to sign in.
- Fill out the form.
- Wait to be verified.

Once you are in, you can then take the following actions:

Adult & Student Leaders:

- Create and edit Meetings.
- Chat with your Student Leaders or with the entire Club in one group text.
- Add Resources to a Meeting so everyone is on the same page.
- Assign Leaders so students are notified of their upcoming Roles.
- Submit a Meeting Report of all that God is doing in your Club!

Club Members:

- Receive notifications of upcoming Meetings or changes to current Meetings.
- Chat with the Club.
- Review Resources from the upcoming Meetings.
- Invite friends to join the app through a Club Meeting.
- And sign up to become a Student Leader!

**Download the App &
View Training Materials**



How-To Guide

This binder contains the materials and guides to equip Student Leaders, Club Mentors, and Volunteers to confidently lead a First Priority Club through its Four-Week Monthly Cycle. Each week has a unique purpose but the same goal: **to take the HOPE of Christ to every student.**

Your commitment as a Club Mentor is 32 hours a year for one school with one Club.

GET FAMILIAR WITH THE GUIDE

- Read through the entire guide before leading any Clubs.
- Pay close attention to the Club's layout, objectives, and materials needed.
- Review each Club in advance.
- Gather all necessary materials (handouts, supplies, QR Codes, etc.) from your Club Kits.

UNDERSTAND THE CLUB FLOW

Stick to this order each week.

- **Random Question [All Adults]:** Builds connection and makes sure that every student feels seen and heard.
- **Get Connected [Club Mentor]:** Church Shout-Outs, Text Updates, Social Media, and Invite Others.
 - This is KEY for connection to the local church and will now happen weekly through the Club Mentor.
 - You may use whiteboards, large boards/sticky notes for the walls, etc., to list out local churches represented in the room. *You will want to keep an updated picture of this list in the app chat strands for students to reference.*
 - You may alter a connection point as needed based on timing. *For example, the opportunity to talk about events happening at local churches around Easter week.*
- **Welcome & Open Prayer [Student Host]:** Sets the tone and introduces the speaker.
- **The Conversation [Student Speaker]:** Shares a Gospel-Centered message using the Leader Guide.
- **Challenge & Prayer [Student Host]:** Shares the challenge for the week and prays.
- **Game Time Optional [Host & Mentor]:** If time allows, use the ideas from the Misc. Materials tab.

We Are Gospel-Focused

First Priority isn't just another Bible Study or Christian Club. We're a Student Movement focused on training confident, bold evangelists to share Jesus at school.

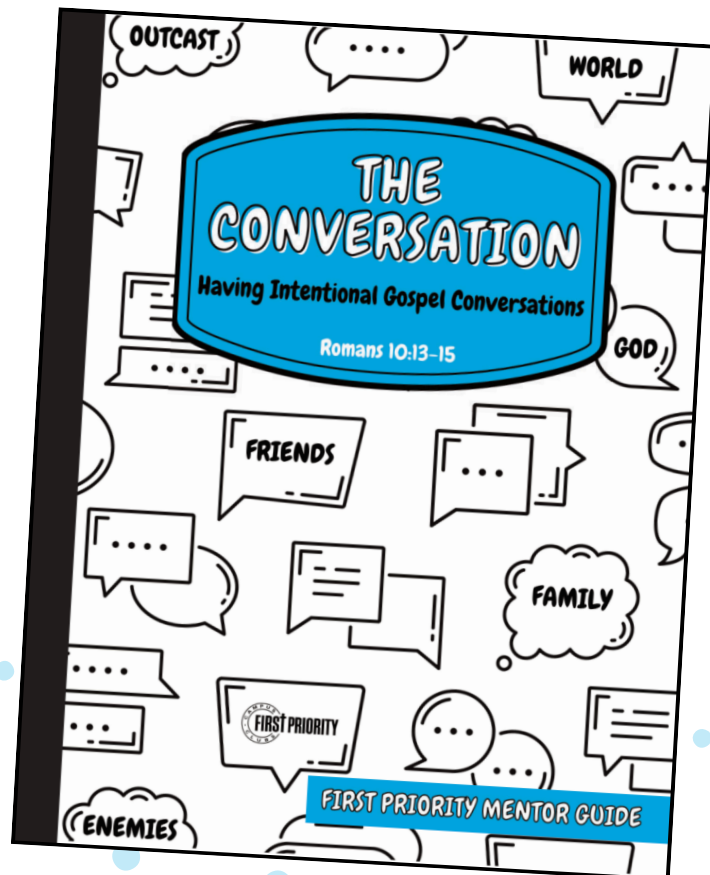
We are Strategy-Based

KNOW THE WEEKLY FORMAT – H.O.P.E. CYCLE

Sharing Jesus at school doesn't just happen; it takes intention and purpose. That's why each month follows the H.O.P.E. cycle:

- **H – HELP:** Equip students to start a Gospel conversation.
- **O – OPPORTUNITY:** Encourage students to see opportunities to share their faith.
- **P – PREPARE:** Empower students to share their faith story.
- **E – ENCOUNTER:** Students Encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

**This year's
HOPE Guide!**





THE CONVERSATION

INTRO WEEK

Purpose:

Why we should have intentional conversations about the Gospel.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates by scanning the QR code(s).
- Enlist student leaders for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a leader guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)

Supplies:

- QR Code(s) for students to scan and sign up for the FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week

RANDOM QUESTION

What is your favorite holiday?

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 Host 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.

TRUE or FALSE:

1. A group of flamingos is called a *flamboyance*. **TRUE**
2. The Bible is the most stolen book in the world. **TRUE** because it's taken from hotels and bookstores.
3. You can sneeze with your eyes open. **FALSE** — It's basically impossible. Don't try it.
4. There are 66 books in the Bible. **TRUE**
5. The average person spends 6 years of their life on social media. **TRUE** (so sad)
6. Lightning never strikes the same place twice. **FALSE** — It often strikes the same place multiple times (like the Empire State Building).
7. There is no word that rhymes with orange. **TRUE**
8. 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 and/or text updates. 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!

INTRO WEEK

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.

So how are we going to reach every student with the hope of Christ?

This year, we're focusing on something really important: having intentional Gospel conversations. That's what our theme is all about in the **"The Conversation."** We believe that real change starts when we're willing to talk. And not just talk about anything but talk about the hope we've found in Jesus.

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.

HOPE 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 H.O.P.E. Each week builds on the last to help you live on mission at school.

- **H – HELP:** This week is to equip students to start a Gospel conversation.
- **O – OPPORTUNITY:** This week we'll encourage students to see opportunities to share their faith.
- **P – PREPARE:** This week is to empower students to write and practice their faith story.
- **E – ENCOUNTER:** Everything builds to this: to present a clear Gospel Message and invite a response.

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:

- **Greeter**
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.
- **Food Team**
Help set up and serve food like pizza or donuts and pass out water. (Note: This won't apply to every school — check with your club mentor.)

- **Host**

You'll kick things off by welcoming everyone, opening in prayer, and helping lead a game, if there's time (your club mentor will help with this). 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.

- **Clean-Up Crew**

Once club ends, help pick up trash and wipe down tables. We always want to leave the room and the people who let us use it better than we found them.

- **Follow-Up Team (Encounter Week only)**

During Encounter Week, you'll help collect response cards, give Next Steps cards to anyone who made a decision for Jesus, hand out Bibles, and help connect students to a local church.

Who is ready to sign up to lead and serve? After we close in prayer, see [insert name] to sign up.

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, club mentor can wrap up the prayer.)

SIGN UP

Those who are ready to lead, sign up before you leave. (Give the student that signed up for Help Week a copy of the Leader Guide.) Next week we will kick off "The Conversation with God." You don't want to miss it.

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THE CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Romans 10:13-15

Supplies Needed

GOO

Help Week: LIFE/DEATH Cards



Opportunity Week: Discussion Questions & Prayer Post-It Notes

Prepare Week: Popcorn Testimonies (No Supplies Needed)

Encounter Week: Response Cards/Next Steps Cards

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD <small>TARJETA DE RESPUESTA DEL ESTUDIANTE</small>	» NEXT STEPS «
Name: _____ <small>Nombre</small> Grade: _____ <small>Grado</small> Who invited you? <small>¿Quién te invitó?</small> _____ What church do you attend? <small>¿A qué iglesia vas?</small> _____	I SAID "YES" TO JESUS - NOW WHAT? <small>We're so excited for you! Deciding to trust and follow Jesus is the BEST decision you'll ever make. This card will help you take your next steps.</small>
MY RESPONSE TODAY: MI RESPUESTA DE HOY:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GET CONNECTED <small>Get involved with a local church. We can help you! Keep coming to First Priority.</small>
<input type="radio"/> Today I am choosing to trust and follow Jesus for the first time. <small> Hoy elijo confiar y seguir a Jesús por primera vez.</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> READ THE BIBLE <small>This will help you to know God. Begin with the book of John. If you need a Bible - we got you!</small>
<input type="radio"/> I am not interested. <small>No me interesa.</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TALK TO GOD <small>Start praying. God loves hearing from you. You don't need fancy words.</small>
<input type="radio"/> I have already accepted Jesus into my life. <small> Ya he aceptado a Jesús en mi vida.</small> When? _____ <small>(Cuándo)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHARE YOUR STORY <small>God will use your story to help others know Him. Share what happened today with a friend or family member.</small>
<input type="radio"/> Yes, I want to get plugged into a church. <small> Sí, quiero conectarme a una iglesia.</small> <input type="radio"/> Yes, I need a Bible. <small> Sí, necesito una Biblia.</small> <small>The information you write down will be given to a student leader.</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I said YES to trusting and following Jesus: _____ <small>DATE</small>

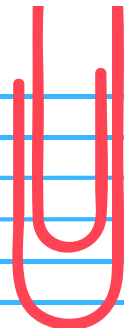
Student Leader Sign-Up

HELP WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

OPPORTUNITY WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

PREPARE WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

ENCOUNTER WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:



**STUDENT LEADER
GUIDES**

STUDENT LEADER GUIDE


GOD

THE CONVERSATION: HELP WEEK

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. This school year, we're going to be talking about conversations that matter, conversations that can make a difference in someone's life. And today, [insert name] is going to kick things off by talking about the most important conversation we can ever have — a conversation with God. Before we dive in, let's take a moment to pray and ask God to be with us today. Let's pray!

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for bringing each person here today. Help us to listen with open hearts and understand what You're teaching us. Be with [insert name] as they share today and help us to respond to what we hear. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Have you ever tried talking to someone you didn't really know? It's awkward, right? Like, do I just start with "hey," or do I say something funny? What if they don't answer? Or worse — what if they just walk away?

A lot of people feel that way about talking to God. Maybe you've heard that prayer is important, but you're not really sure how to do it or if He's even listening. But here's the truth: God wants to talk with us. Yes, us.

But before we talk about how we have a conversation with God, we have to ask an even bigger question. Who is God? God isn't just some distant being in the sky, keeping score of everything we do wrong. He's not a genie waiting for us to say the magic words so He'll give us what we want. God is personal, powerful, and present.

Here is what the Bible says about God:

- **God is our Creator.** In Genesis chapter 1 verse 1, it says, *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* He made everything, including you and me. He made us on purpose.
- **God is loving.** In First John chapter 4 verse 16, it says, *"So we have come to know and to believe*

the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." He doesn't just have love — He is love.

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Repeat after me (pause after each line):

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CONVERSATION STARTER—LIFE/DEATH CARD

[Speaker] God wants to have this same conversation with the people we go to school with, and He wants to use us to help start it. That’s what Romans chapter 10 reminds us: people can’t believe unless they hear, and they can’t hear unless someone tells them. You can be that someone. (Hold up the Life/Death card.) We will use this to help us start a Gospel conversation with those around us. (Have student leaders pass out Life/Death cards.)

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GAME TIME – Optional

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THE CONVERSATION: OPPORTUNITY WEEK

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[Speaker] Last week we were challenged to share our Life/Death card with someone. Who did you share it with, and how did it go? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.) Sometimes just one conversation can lead someone closer to Jesus and that's what we're all about. Today we are going to continue the conversation by looking at those that God has placed in our lives.

Let's take a second and think about the people around us. Not just the people sitting here today, but the people in our math class, our lunch table, our sports team, or that group you see in the hallway every day.

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We don't need a stage or a microphone. We don't even need perfect words. We just need a heart that says, "God, use me." God can use our story, our courage, and our kindness to help someone else find Jesus.

So, think of your circle. Your teammates, classmates, and even the people you don't always talk to. What if you were the reason they met Jesus? What Can We Do? Let's get specific. Who has God put in your life this year that you could talk to about Him?

(Hand out post-it notes to everyone.) Write down the first name of a couple of people at school who don't know Jesus or who you know need encouragement. These are the people you're committing to pray for and talk to over the next few weeks. After you write their names, stick the note somewhere you'll see it daily — on your mirror, in your locker, or inside your notebook.

Let's ask God to give us courage to start conversations. Remember we can use our Life/Death card to help start that conversation. Just like someone once told you about Jesus, now you get to be that person for someone else. I am excited to see how God is going to use us in the lives of the people we put on our list.

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

1. What keeps you from having Gospel conversations?
(Examples: fear, not knowing what to say, feeling like you're not a good example, etc.)
2. When during the week do you have the chance to start a Gospel conversation?
(Examples: at lunch, in class, on the bus, during practice, at work, etc.)
3. Why do you think God wants to use students — people like us — to share the Gospel?
(Follow up: How does that make you feel — scared, excited, unsure?)
4. What's one small step you could take this week to move a conversation toward Jesus?
(Examples: ask someone how you can pray for them, share your Life/Death card, invite them to First Priority or church.)
5. What are some ways we can live differently that might point people to Jesus even before we say anything?
(Examples: kindness, honesty, not gossiping, including others.)

Take a moment now and quietly pray for the names you wrote down. Ask God to help you love them, talk to them, and be a light in their life.

(Give students a moment to pray, then bring the student host back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge this week is simple and bold: pray for the people on our list and start one conversation about Jesus with someone. You never know how a conversation can change someone's eternity. How will they know unless someone tells them? Let's pray.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for putting us in our school on purpose. Open our eyes to see the people around us who need You. Give us courage to speak up and start a conversation. Use us to make a difference in the lives of the people we wrote down. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: PREPARE WEEK

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about what a faith story is and why it matters that we share ours with other people. You don't have to be perfect or have it all figured out to tell your story. God can use whatever you've been through to help someone else. Before we dive in, let's pray and ask God to speak to us today.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Help us understand how our story can make a difference in someone else's life. Give [insert name] the words to share and give us open hearts to listen. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we wrote down the names of people that we were going to pray about having a Gospel conversation with. Did you talk to any of them? How did it go? (Allow students to respond and share your experience.) It is never too late to talk to someone about God. Keep praying for boldness!

Today we're talking about why sharing our faith story matters. Why does it matter that others know we have a relationship with God through what Jesus did for us on the cross? Because where our friends, family, classmates, teachers, coaches, even our enemies spend eternity matters. When we take time to learn how to share what God has done and is doing in our lives, it could change the lives of those around us.

Let's look at an example from John chapter 4 verse 39, *"Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him (Jesus) because of the woman's testimony."* This woman had a questionable past. She often spent time alone. She was looking for hope. Sound like anyone at your school? Maybe even you? The moment she met Jesus, her life changed forever, and she couldn't wait to tell everyone she knew.

Have you ever felt nervous or unsure about sharing your faith story? You don't need to be a pastor or public speaker. You just need to be honest about who Jesus is and what He's done in your life. People around you are searching, and God wants them to know Him through you.

Throughout the Bible, we see God moving in people's lives, and He invites us to be a part of other people's faith journey. Second Corinthians chapter 5 verse 20 says, *"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us."* Yes, us! Our story matters because we matter to God. He wants to use our life to help someone else find Him.

FAITH STORY – POPCORN TESTIMONIES

[Speaker] Let's practice telling our stories through something called "Popcorn Testimonies." We'll ask a series of questions. When you feel ready, "pop up" and share a short answer. These questions will help us think through how to tell our story. (Ask one question at a time and allow students and adults to respond.)

The first part of our story is before we met Jesus. This is the part that everyone can relate to because we all have a "before we met Jesus" time in our life.

- What was your life like before you began a relationship with Jesus?

The second part of our story is more personal because it involves when we met Jesus.

- How old were you when you realized you were a sinner and needed a Savior?
- Where were you when this happened?
- Who told you about Jesus and played a role in your story?

The third part of our story is our life with Jesus. It gives people hope and makes this story a reality.

- What has your life been like since Jesus became a part of your story?
- What changes have you seen?
- Who is walking with you in this chapter of your life?

Remember, our story gives others the chance to trust and follow Jesus. Every story is unique, and every story is powerful.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to share our faith story with someone. Let them know what Jesus has done in our life and what He can do in theirs. You never know how one conversation could change a life. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing our story and for loving us no matter what. Give us the courage to share with others what You've done in our life. Help us to be bold enough to tell the truth about who You are. I pray for the people around us to know You the way we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: ENCOUNTER WEEK

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here! Today [insert name] is going to talk about how having a real conversation with God can make a difference. Whether you've been following Jesus for a while or you're just figuring things out, this is for you. But first, let's take a second to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each of us here today. Help us to really hear You and understand what it means to have a relationship with You. Speak through [insert name] and show us how we can begin and grow in our relationship with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] We have talked about having Gospel conversations the past few weeks, and the word Gospel simply means Good News. It is good news that broken people like us can have a relationship with a perfect and holy God. The truth is that God has a design for every area of our lives — our school life, our home life, and our future. God desires to have a relationship with us, but just like Romans chapter 10 verse 14 tells us: *"How will they know unless someone tells them?"*

Today I am that "someone." I want you to know how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to pay for our sins. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* That includes you and me.

Our sin comes at a cost. Just like we read on the Life/Death card, Romans chapter 6 verse 23 tells us, *"For the wages (cost) of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* While we were still sinners, living a life separated from God, Jesus died for us. He took on all our sin and shame so that we could be forgiven.

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later, so that we, you and I, could have the promise of Heaven. That is the Good News. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die a terrible death on a cross to pay the punishment for our sins, and rise from the dead so that we would not be separated from Him.

That's the Gospel, and I wanted you to hear it from me, because I care about where you spend eternity. I know what Jesus saved me from, and He can save you too.

Romans chapter 10 verse 9 says, *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*

This verse is all about how we can be saved. It's not about being perfect or doing everything right. It's about believing in your heart that Jesus is alive and saying out loud that He's Lord. When we believe and confess that, we're choosing to follow Him, and that's where real life begins.

This is the conversation we have been talking about for weeks. Are you ready to have a conversation with the God who created you? You can do that today!

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. If today you've realized that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, by trusting Him and following Him, you can have a real conversation with God right now. I'll help lead you in a prayer but know it's not the exact words that save you. God sees the heart behind the choice.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

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a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that, welcome to God's family! That's the best decision you could ever make.

RESPONSE TIME

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay. Check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes, and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave, and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY


[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge for this week is to be

"that someone" for someone else. Share the Gospel with someone using your Life/Death card. Let them know the Good News you carry! Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for those that began a relationship with You today. Help us to continue to be bold about sharing the Gospel with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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HELP WEEK

Purpose:

Equip students to start a Gospel conversation.

Preparation:

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- Be ready to help students share the Life/Death card.
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LEADER SIGN UP

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RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] If money were not an issue, what would you buy?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS! We love seeing you plugged into a local church, so, here's your chance to give yours some love. What church do you go to, and when do you meet? (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

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Sample Prayer: God, thank You for bringing each person here today. Help us to listen with open hearts and understand what You're teaching us. Be with [insert name] as they share today and help us to respond to what we hear. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Have you ever tried talking to someone you didn't really know? It's awkward, right? Like, do I just start with "hey," or do I say something funny? What if they don't answer? Or worse — what if they just walk away?

A lot of people feel that way about talking to God. Maybe you've heard that prayer is important, but you're not really sure how to do it or if He's even listening. But here's the truth: God wants to talk with us. Yes, us.

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But before we talk about how we have a conversation with God, we have to ask an even bigger question. Who is God? God isn't just some distant being in the sky, keeping score of everything we do wrong. He's not a genie waiting for us to say the magic words so He'll give us what we want. God is personal, powerful, and present.

Here is what the Bible says about God:

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RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is something that you are afraid of?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

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It's not an accident. We're not just here to go to school, pass classes, and move on. We're here to reflect Jesus. To be the one who introduces someone to eternal life. Yes, us! And it happens when we have intentional conversations.

Let's read what Paul wrote in Romans chapter 10 verses 14 and 15. *"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 verse tells us people won't believe if they never hear, and they'll never hear unless someone tells them. That "someone" is us.

We don't need a stage or a microphone. We don't even need perfect words. We just need a heart that says, "God, use me." God can use our story, our courage, and our kindness to help someone else find Jesus.

So, think of your circle. Your teammates, classmates, and even the people you don't always talk to. What if you were the reason they met Jesus? What Can We Do? Let's get specific. Who has God put in your life this year that you could talk to about Him?

(Hand out post-it notes to everyone.) Write down the first name of a couple of people at school who don't know Jesus or who you know need encouragement. These are the people you're committing to pray for and talk to over the next few weeks. After you write their names, stick the note somewhere you'll see it daily — on your mirror, in your locker, or inside your notebook.

Let's ask God to give us courage to start conversations. Remember we can use our Life/Death card to help start that conversation. Just like someone once told you about Jesus,

now you get to be that person for someone else. I am excited to see how God is going to use us in the lives of the people we put on our list.

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

1. What keeps you from having Gospel conversations?
(Examples: fear, not knowing what to say, feeling like you're not a good example, etc.)
2. When during the week do you have the chance to start a Gospel conversation?
(Examples: at lunch, in class, on the bus, during practice, at work, etc.)
3. Why do you think God wants to use students — people like us — to share the Gospel?
(Follow up: How does that make you feel — scared, excited, unsure?)
4. What's one small step you could take this week to move a conversation toward Jesus?
(Examples: ask someone how you can pray for them, share your Life/Death card, invite them to First Priority or church.)
5. What are some ways we can live differently that might point people to Jesus even before we say anything?
(Examples: kindness, honesty, not gossiping, including others.)

Take a moment now and quietly pray for the names you wrote down. Ask God to help you love them, talk to them, and be a light in their life.

(Give students a moment to pray, then bring the student host back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge this week is simple and bold: pray for the people on our list and start one conversation about Jesus with someone. You never know how a conversation can change

someone's eternity. How will they know unless someone tells them? Let's pray.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for putting us in our school on purpose. Open our eyes to see the people around us who need You. Give us courage to speak up and start a conversation. Use us to make a difference in the lives of the people we wrote down. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with GOD

PREPARE WEEK

Purpose:

Empower students to share their faith story.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Encounter Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students with popcorn testimonies.

Supplies:

- Leader Guides for Encounter Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is something that you are good at?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, let's use our Get Connected time to think about who we can invite to First Priority next week. There are people all over our school who could really use a place like this. Somewhere to feel seen and heard. So, who's someone you can bring with you next week? (Allow students to respond.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about what a faith story is and why it matters that we share ours with other people. You don't have to be perfect or have it all figured out to tell your story. God can use whatever you've been through to help someone else. Before we dive in, let's pray and ask God to speak to us today.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Help us understand how our story can make a difference in someone else's life. Give [insert name] the words to share and give us open hearts to listen. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we wrote down the names of people that we were going to pray about having a Gospel conversation with. Did you talk to any of them? How did it go? (Allow students to respond and share your experience.) It is never too late to talk to someone about God. Keep praying for boldness!

Today we're talking about why sharing our faith story matters. Why does it matter that others know we have a relationship with God through what Jesus did for us on the cross? Because where our friends, family, classmates, teachers, coaches, even our enemies spend eternity matters. When we take time to learn how to share what God has done and is doing in our lives, it could change the lives of those around us.

Let's look at an example from John chapter 4 verse 39, "*Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him (Jesus) because of the woman's testimony.*" This woman had a questionable past. She often spent time alone. She was looking for hope. Sound like anyone at your school? Maybe even you? The moment she met Jesus, her life changed forever, and she couldn't wait to tell everyone she knew.

PREPARE WEEK

Have you ever felt nervous or unsure about sharing your faith story? You don't need to be a pastor or public speaker. You just need to be honest about who Jesus is and what He's done in your life. People around you are searching, and God wants them to know Him through you.

Throughout the Bible, we see God moving in people's lives, and He invites us to be a part of other people's faith journey. Second Corinthians chapter 5 verse 20 says, *"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us."* Yes, us! Our story matters because we matter to God. He wants to use our life to help someone else find Him.

FAITH STORY – POPCORN TESTIMONIES

[Speaker] Let's practice telling our stories through something called "Popcorn Testimonies." We'll ask a series of questions. When you feel ready, "pop up" and share a short answer. These questions will help us think through how to tell our story. (Ask one question at a time and allow students and adults to respond.)

The first part of our story is before we met Jesus. This is the part that everyone can relate to because we all have a "before we met Jesus" time in our life.

- What was your life like before you began a relationship with Jesus?

The second part of our story is more personal because it involves when we met Jesus.

- How old were you when you realized you were a sinner and needed a Savior?
- Where were you when this happened?
- Who told you about Jesus and played a role in your story?

The third part of our story is our life with Jesus. It gives people hope and makes this story a reality.

- What has your life been like since Jesus became a part of your story?
- What changes have you seen?

- Who is walking with you in this chapter of your life?

Remember, our story gives others the chance to trust and follow Jesus. Every story is unique and every story is powerful.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to share our faith story with someone. Let them know what Jesus has done in our life and what He can do in theirs. You never know how one conversation could change a life. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing our story and for loving us no matter what. Give us the courage to share with others what You've done in our life. Help us to be bold enough to tell the truth about who You are. I pray for the people around us to know You the way we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with GOD

ENCOUNTER WEEK

Purpose:

Students encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates.
- Enlist students for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students counsel and plug them into a church.

Supplies:

- QR Code for FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week — Friends
- Response Cards, Pens & Follow-up Form
- Next Steps Cards & Bibles

LEADER SIGN UP

This is the time to sign people up to lead and serve for next month.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your dream job?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for First Priority App and/or text updates. This is how we'll keep you in the know about everything happening in your club. Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here! Today [insert name] is going to talk about how having a real conversation with God can make a difference. Whether you've been following Jesus for a while or you're just figuring things out, this is for you. But first, let's take a second to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each of us here today. Help us to really hear You and understand what it means to have a relationship with You. Speak through [insert name] and show us how we can begin and grow in our relationship with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] We have talked about having Gospel conversations the past few weeks, and the word Gospel simply means Good News. It is good news that broken people like us can have a relationship with a perfect and holy God. The truth is that God has a design for every area of our lives — our school life, our home life, and our future. God desires to have a relationship with us, but just like Romans chapter 10 verse 14 tells us: *"How will they know unless someone tells them?"*

Today I am that "someone." I want you to know how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to pay for our sins. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* That includes you and me.

ENCOUNTER WEEK

Our sin comes at a cost. Just like we read on the Life/Death card, Romans chapter 6 verse 23 tells us, *“For the wages (cost) of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* While we were still sinners, living a life separated from God, Jesus died for us. He took on all our sin and shame so that we could be forgiven.

But He didn’t stay dead. He rose again three days later, so that we, you and I, could have the promise of Heaven. That is the Good News. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die a terrible death on a cross to pay the punishment for our sins, and rise from the dead so that we would not be separated from Him.

That’s the Gospel, and I wanted you to hear it from me, because I care about where you spend eternity. I know what Jesus saved me from, and He can save you too.

Romans chapter 10 verse 9 says, *“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

This verse is all about how we can be saved. It’s not about being perfect or doing everything right. It’s about believing in your heart that Jesus is alive and saying out loud that He’s Lord. When we believe and confess that, we’re choosing to follow Him, and that’s where real life begins.

This is the conversation we have been talking about for weeks. Are you ready to have a conversation with the God who created you? You can do that today!

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. If today you’ve realized that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, by trusting Him and following Him, you can have a real conversation with God right now. I’ll help lead you in a prayer but know it’s not the exact words that save you. God sees the heart behind the choice.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that, welcome to God’s family! That’s the best decision you could ever make.

RESPONSE TIME (This will take 5 minutes.)

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You’ll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here’s what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that’s okay. Check the “not interested” box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don’t have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes, and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you’re done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge for this week is to be "that someone" for someone else. Share the Gospel with someone using your Life/Death card. Let them know the Good News you carry! Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for those that began a relationship with You today. Help us to continue to be bold about sharing the Gospel with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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.

Sample Club Flow

Every school is different, and so is every opportunity to share the Gospel. That's why we've created a variety of sample Club Flows for before school, during lunch, and after school, so no matter when you meet, you can use every minute to make an eternal impact.

30 Minute Club (Before School, After School, or Lunch)

Pre-Club Prep

15 Minutes Before Club

- Food Team: *Pick up or set out food (if applicable).*

10 Minutes Before Club

- Setup Team: *Set up tables, chairs, and music.*

5 Minutes Before Club

- Greeter Team: *Be at the door welcoming students.*

Club Flow

Start of Club

- Random Question [All] & Serve Food (if applicable).

5 Minutes Into Club

- Get Connected [Club Mentor].
- Welcome & Prayer [Student Host].
- The Conversation [Student Speaker].
 - Help Tool, Discussion Questions, Faith Story, Response Time (*This will take 5 minutes.*)

5 Minutes Before End of Club

- Challenge & Prayer [Student Host].

Immediately After Club

- Cleanup Team: *Return space to original setup and take out trash.*

50 Minute Lunch Club

Pre-Club Prep

20 Minutes Before Club

- Food Team: *Pick up pizza.*

15 Minutes Before Club

- Setup Team: *Set up tables, chairs, and music.*

5 Minutes Before Club

- Greeter Team: *Be at the door welcoming students*

Club Flow

Start of Club

- Random Question [All] & Serve Food

20 Minutes Into Club

- Get Connected [Club Mentor]
- Welcome & Prayer [Student Host]
- The Conversation [Student Speaker].
 - Help Tool, Discussion Questions, Faith Story, Response Time (*This will take 5 minutes.*)

5 Minutes Before End of Club

- Challenge & Prayer [Student Host].

Immediately After Club

- Cleanup Team: *Return space to original setup and take out trash.*

LAST CLUB DETAILS

The First Priority curriculum offers 28 weeks of content, but many Clubs wrap up before completing it all.

This guide is here to help you end well, no matter where your Club is in the H.O.P.E. Cycle.

1. WHAT WEEK DO I END WITH?

• **Middle & High School Clubs:**

- If you just finished Help, Opportunity, or Prepare → end with an Encounter Week.
- If you just finished an Encounter Week → end with a Help Week.

2. ALL CLUBS (Middle & High): Get Connected

- Do Church Shout-Outs: Let students share their church one last time and invite others to join.
- Remind them that being a part of a local church is the best way to grow in faith and community.
- Make sure they're signed up for text updates and following First Priority on social media to stay connected over summer.

3. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB: Passing the Torch

- Let seniors hand off the mission to future Leaders. Each senior can share:
 - A testimony, memory, or encouragement.
 - A meaningful Bible verse.
 - A prayer for future leaders and the Club.

4. MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB: Looking Ahead

- Prep 8th graders for High School Club:
 - Invite a high school Mentor or Leader to share what to expect.
 - Help them sign up for their new school's text updates.

Finish Strong

No matter how far you made it in the H.O.P.E. Cycle, what matters is the impact you've made and the seeds you've planted. The Last Club is a chance to reflect, celebrate, and look ahead to what God will do next. Your faithfulness matters. Let's finish strong and trust God for even more next year!

Plan Your Year

When planning for this year's guide, there are a few things we want to remind you about. First Priority Clubs exist to take the HOPE of Christ to every student, and if you are familiar with the HOPE Cycle, you know that during ENCOUNTER Week, students invite their friends to encounter Jesus in the Club!

Encounter Weeks are so important because students get to respond to the Gospel, so try to have as many Encounter Weeks as possible! With that understanding, our strongest encouragement is to simply go through the weeks as scheduled (with the exception of holidays, which we will talk about later) and not skip any lessons. In our HOPE Cycle, remember that each week builds on itself; therefore, if there is a need to "skip" a week, you will need to read through the skipped week and make sure to add from it to the next week to allow the lessons to flow effectively.

Concerning holidays, for schools that start in September, you will notice that the month of November talks about family. This is intentional, as students will be challenged to engage their families in a conversation about Jesus. For Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter, there will be Special Editions of our HOPE Guide provided for that week. (*Christmas is just the last week of Club in the month of December.*) These lessons will operate most like a Help Week, as they will have a Special Gospel Tool included that coincides with the holiday.

Monthly Planning Meeting

When planning out your Club each month, please remember that the HOPE Guides are intentionally designed to build off one another to encourage students to have conversations with others about Jesus. Therefore, make sure to plan out

Speakers and Leaders who will work together each week to share the month's whole message. Regardless of role, encourage one another to be intentional in making sure every student is seen, heard, and encouraged to share Christ with someone. **You can use the Planning Sheet at the front of each month in the Guide or use the App.** You can also check out the Monthly Planning Guide online, as well as games if your Club has time. (firstpriority.org/resources/).

Planning the Year

We encourage you to work with your Faculty Sponsor to work through what weeks may or may not have Club. Although this is a school-by-school basis, be sure to ask about Fall and Spring Breaks, Winter Break, testing, and any holidays (*mainly for Friday or Monday Clubs*). You can also see if there is a specific time in your year that the Club might be able to thank their administration for being wonderful hosts. Often, it is best to work one semester at a time for these questions, as a lot can change over time.

As you plan, remember to spend plenty of time in prayer as a Leadership Team. Pray for students, teachers, prayer requests, and administration as you prepare for the Club. And make sure to pray that God moves in students' lives to make Decisions for Christ!



Get the
Monthly
Planning
Guide



SOCIAL MEDIA Guidelines

Instagram Handle: @firstpriority[Chapter].[your school name]

Bio: Include when and where your FP Club meets, the FP Mission: Taking the Hope of Christ to Every Student, and your Chapter's website.

Posting Expectations:

- Tag your Chapter's IG and make them a collaborator on all posts. They want to share your content! Tag @fpofamerica on your favorite posts!
- Post a graphic or video the day before your Club and make sure Student Leaders share it on their socials.
- Post a Recap Reel or Photo within 24 hours after your Club meets.

Promo Role Tips:

- This role can and should be split across multiple students (ex: photo, video, editing, posting, etc.)
- Collaboration is key, so work together and plan ahead.
- The students on the post do not all have to be FP Students.
- If you're unsure whether a photo or video is appropriate to post, the answer is simple: don't post it.

Every post invites someone new and helps spread HOPE on your campus.

