

HOPE MANUAL



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HOPE

God used teenagers to change the world; now He wants to use you.

Definition - 1: to desire with expectation of obtainment
2: to expect with confidence

This manual details a simple cycle called HOPE that your club will repeat every four weeks. HOPE will help you apply what you learn in church, pray for your friends, encourage other Christians, and influence your friends' lives toward a personal relationship with God.

Read this simple plan. Hopefully as you read, God will clarify and expand the vision He has for your ministry in your school. HOPE is a simple strategy that is repeated each month but unique in focus to keep it fresh.

Getting Started:

WHAT IS HOPE?

HOPE is a focused outreach plan that enables local churches to help students create an environment to share the gospel with friends at school. As this strategy takes form, Christian students will initiate and lead a Christian club at their school.

These student-led clubs operate under the guidelines of the Equal Access Act. This effort is focused on outreach, with a plan to incorporate students who are reached at school into local churches, including your local church. Each club should reflect the personality and giftedness of the students who lead club meetings and the youth worker who guides them.

H.O.P.E. IS A PLAN

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3



Have you ever traveled overseas or via church van to share the Gospel in another place? It's an amazing opportunity that everyone should experience at some point in their lives. However, did you know that on the first day of school, you will be surrounded by one of the largest unreached people groups in America?

Thank you for taking the opportunity to play a part in what God is going to do through you and your friends. We have a

VISION that every student in your school will have the opportunity to say "YES" to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We believe sharing the gospel at school is important! The HOPE Strategy isn't the only way to do that, but it is a simple strategy and plan to help you communicate the gospel at your school. We hope the HOPE Strategy will be an effective tool to revolutionize the lives of those around you. Read this Guide, find a group of Christian students who are committed believers at school and

form your First Priority club. These clubs will meet once each week for 20-30 minutes. Watch God move and share God's results. Jesus challenged us to go into all the world and share the Good News, and we must; but the mission begins HERE... in your school.

Mark Roberts,
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First Priority of America

THE GAME ANALOGY

UNDERSTANDING THE ESSENTIAL NETWORKS

First Priority works if the local community takes the time to organize each component of the strategy. To explain this, we will compare life as a Christian in the U.S. to a football player playing his game. What if the coach asked the football player to come study the team playbook twice a week, but only planned to play him in one half of a game throughout the entire season? Maybe. That is if something else didn't get scheduled the same day. Would he ever show up to practice? Yet, that is what most local churches expect out of students in their youth ministry: to come twice a week to learn how to live for Christ; and once a year go and share Christ together on a mission trip... unless something else prevents you from going. First Priority is the game plan for the students in your community to come together at school and live the game of faith every day.

UNDERSTANDING THE ESSENTIAL NETWORKS



STUDENTS: PLAYERS ON THE FIELD

The students are on the greatest mission field in America: a school. Engaged in the middle of the "game," students are the players we are here to train, pray for, and support, just as we do for foreign missionaries. The Hope Manual gives the student missionaries the action steps and direction they need to reach out to their peers at school. Each month it helps them focus on a group and share the message of Jesus Christ with unbelieving students.



CHURCH LEADERS: COACHES ON THE SIDELINE

These are the youth ministers and pastors who are training and equipping the students in the game, A.K.A. the First Priority club.

Coaches do two things:

1. They help schedule "games" (aka First Priority club in school). This includes building relationship with school administration, finding a teacher sponsor, setting club time and location, submitting the club charter/constitution, and more.
2. They hold practices (leadership meetings) to help students be prepared for the month ahead. We often call them Captain's Team meetings and are held monthly between engage week of the previous month and help week of the next.

UNDERSTANDING THE ESSENTIAL NETWORKS

Continued



EDUCATORS: THE REFEREES IN THE GAME

These are the faculty volunteers that open their room and the doors of the school for the club to hold their meetings. At the school, they are the people who help the players stay in line with the rules of the local district and state. At the monthly leadership meeting, they are the ones guiding and showing wisdom to navigate the school as only someone on the "inside" can do. They do not participate in the game even though they are right in the middle of it.



PARENTS: FANS IN THE STANDS

These are adults who are watching and cheering on the game. Up front, these parents are dedicated to praying and supporting the students as they work to minister to their school. Behind the scenes, these parents are waking their son/daughter up early for practice, rearranging schedules, encouraging when the "game" does not go well, and running the "booster club". Putting fans in the stands is really an easy task when students are passionate about playing in the game.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS: OWNERS

The business community is so important to the First Priority strategy. Like a professional team, coaches and players come and go, but the team lives on. Without business leaders involved in the FP strategy, the longevity of the ministry will diminish when students graduate or staff in our local churches move on. The business community has a vested interest in their community, and will be the ones that will be there through this entire generation. All the cities that have a successful First Priority team have a board of committed business leaders.



HELP

The Goal: Equipping believers with a basic outline of the gospel, along with a tool to help them articulate clearly in casual conversation.

You can't expect a victory without taking the time to train. Help Week is essential if you want to see your club be successful. The purpose is to empower students with a basic outline of the gospel. This will help students have answers to questions their friends are asking about faith. If you have a friend that made a decision on Engage Week, it's also a great opportunity for them to learn the basics of their new life in Christ.

EQUIPMENT:

A list of monthly recommended resources is on the following page. You can find a detailed sheet on how to use each of the resources at www.firstp.org. The student leader(s) of this week needs to learn, study, and memorize their chosen gospel presentation. Through their teaching, the small group discussion with other students, and with time, all FP students will gain an ability to understand and better express why they believe what they believe. Each month

Definition: [verb] Make it easier for someone to do something by offering aid.



will focus on a different angle and/or method for sharing the truth of Jesus Christ. By the end of the year, the goal is to have students ready to give a reason for the hope that is in them (1 Peter 3:15).

- Be sensitive to new believers and aim to help them grow in their new relationship with God.
- Be sure to emphasize spiritual growth of every believer as they talk about the Gospel. This specific challenge to grow in your own personal relationship with God is important as you reach out at your school.
- Every month: Complete the Follow Up Process... New believers are what this club is all about!

COACHING TIPS:

- Leadership should be familiar with the training resource in advance and have printed copies available.
- Don't allow discussion to become divisive.

HELP MEETING OUTLINE:

Date:

Team Leader/Welcome

Phone Number

Club Reporter

Phone Number

Greeters		
Opening Prayer		
Reminders		
Trainer Host		
Trainer		
Closing Prayer		

Reminder: Pray for your friends in preparation for ENGAGE week!

For training sheets, check out www.firstaid.org

OVERCOME

Definition: [verb] To get the better of in a struggle. To overcome the enemy. To overpower or overwhelm in body or mind. I was overcome with grief.

OVERCOME, the second meeting of HOPE strategy. OVERCOME is just that: motivation and inspiration to overcome our fear, worry, and doubts that we have about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is the perfect opportunity to have a guest or inspirational speaker come to the club to share success stories of how God has used him/her or to teach Scripture. The speakers could include ministers, athletes, parents, business people, school faculty, or a gifted student. The speaker should not discuss denominational issues. Communicating this important message to the guest speaker is the responsibility of the student leader in charge of the OVERCOME week.

Make sure the guest speaker has a student leadership host that will meet him/her at the front door of school, get him/her to the meeting room, and send a thank you card once the meeting is over. The host should call the guest speaker the day before the club meeting as a reminder, ask if he/she intends to share the gospel, and if they do, leave five minutes at the end of the club meeting to complete Response Cards.



OVERCOME week is a great chance to get creative, so think about what would appeal to and encourage the students in your club.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO GROWTH?

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

COACHING TIPS:

- Quality speakers need advance notice.
- Clearly explain the purpose of OVERCOME week to the speaker; provide a copy of the guidelines.
- Assign a student to meet the invited guest in the school office.

1 John 5:4-5

OVERCOME MEETING OUTLINE:

Date:

Team Leader/Welcome

Phone Number

Club Reporter

Phone Number

Greeters	
Opening Prayer	
Reminders	
Speaker Host	
Speaker	
Closing Prayer	

Reminder: Pray for your friends in preparation for ENGAGE week!

WANT TOPIC DIRECTION TO GIVE YOUR GUEST SPEAKER?

Check out: www.firstp.org

and click on **toolbox**

Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

PREPARE

Definition: [verb] Make (something) ready for use or consideration. to put things or oneself in readiness



The third meeting of HOPE strategy is intended to help students recognize the significance of their personal story of faith and learn to tell it well.

When we understand that our story of faith is more about what God has done than our mistakes and poor decisions, we will recognize that every believer has a valuable story.

Each student should complete a Faith Story form (see the appendix) before sharing their story with the club. Many students have never done something like this before. By using the Faith Story form and writing out your story, it will help you bring clarity to what God has done in your life. If you have never shared your story before, be sure to make an appointment with the campus coach to assist you. The coach will

help you have confidence in making a presentation, writing, content, and answer other questions/ concerns that you have. Be sure to turn in a copy of your Faith Story in to the student leaders so they can follow along and be ready to transition to the next part of the FP club meeting.

THE TESTIMONY GUIDE SERVES TWO PURPOSES:

1. To help the students outline their thoughts and what they want to communicate.
2. To help the students stay focused on what they intend to say.

The Faith Story form in the Appendix brings clarity to what the students want to communicate and gives them confidence. A copy of the **Faith Story** form should be returned to the students so they can

follow it while they are sharing. This also helps the students know when to end. The Campus Coach and Student Leaders should determine who and how many students share during the club meeting each month depending on the length of each faith story and the amount of club time that month.

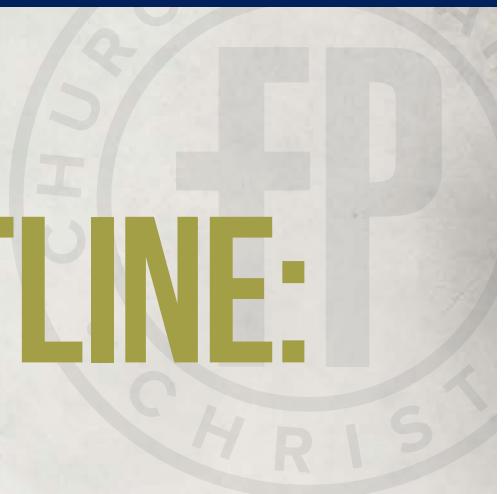
PRAY

When the stories of faith are completed, encourage the students to gather into Groups and pray out loud for the friend(s) they will invite to the ENGAGE meeting the next week. Direct them to pray that God would give them an opportunity to invite their friend to the meeting and ENGAGE Jesus Christ as their Lord and Creator. Thank God in advance for what He is going to do.

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." 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, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:13-16

PREPARE MEETING OUTLINE:



Date: _____

Team Leader/Welcome

Phone Number

Club Reporter

Phone Number

Greeters

Opening Prayer

Reminders

Student
Testimonies

Closing Prayer

Reminder: Pray for your friends in preparation for ENGAGE week!

Matthew 5:14-16

"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.

ENGAGE

Definition: [verb] Occupy, attract, or involve (someone's interest or attention).
Cause someone to become involved in (a conversation or discussion)

The fourth meeting of the HOPE Strategy is to engage your classmates with the life changing message of the gospel. Gospel means "good news". The good news is that God loves us and sent His son to die for our sins. We can be restored to a relationship with Him through forgiveness that is offered through Jesus Christ. This is your opportunity as Christian students to bring non-Christian friends to a non-threatening environment. At this club meeting, they will hear a clear presentation of the gospel and have an opportunity to respond in faith. ENGAGE week never changes. Always share the gospel! Even if you think everyone there is a Christian, make a clear presentation of the gospel every time. No exceptions. A Christian student should share the gospel message. Even if a student stands and reads the gospel presentation from the Appendix, it is the most powerful message in the world. It is the HOPE of Christ to a world that is hopeless.

Do not open in prayer. Do not plan for worship. Just play popular music, eat, and hang out until time for the gospel presentation. Why? Because you do not want to do anything that would

cause a non-believer to disconnect because they feel left out, uninformed or different. If this seems unusual to you, remember that this meeting is for those who have not yet placed their faith in Jesus Christ. The mixer type atmosphere disarms people and establishes a casual atmosphere, which makes relationships and communication more effective.

Promote the ENGAGE meeting based on relationships. If every participating student is committed to bringing one friend to this club meeting, there will be plenty of students to share the gospel with. Leave time for everyone to fill out a response card at the end of the club meeting! This helps the guests to not feel singled out and helps you keep track of who attended that day.

CLOSING PRAYER

The student who dismisses the club in prayer should thank God for those who just committed their lives to Jesus Christ. The prayer could be something as simple as "God, thank you for those who have just invited you into their lives and have become part of your family. We know that all of heaven is



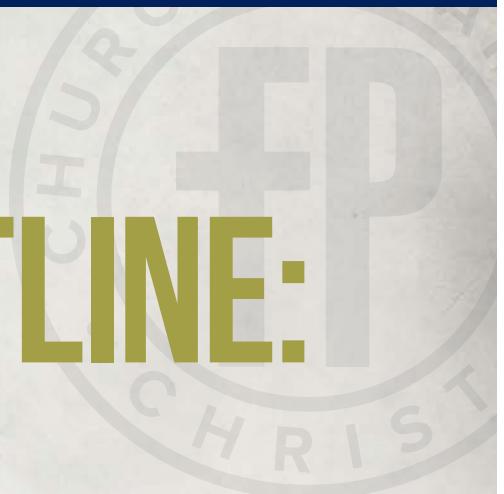
celebrating because of their salvation." Applaud as soon as the prayer ends, celebrating what God has done. This sends a message to those who have just committed their lives to Jesus Christ that what they have done is very important.

The students who prayed to commit their lives to Christ may be contemplating whether to fill out the response card and turn it in. The prayer and applause will affirm the value of their decision and encourage them. If heaven gets excited about people coming to know Jesus, then we should too!.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

ENGAGE MEETING OUTLINE:



Date: _____

Team Leader/Welcome

Phone Number

Club Reporter

Phone Number

Greeters

Opening Prayer

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Mixer/Crowd
Breaker

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Gospel Presenter

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(Clearly explain the purpose of ENGAGE week if you bring in a guest speaker and provide a copy of the Guest Speaker guidelines as well as the "Gospel Presentation" sheet.)

Response Card

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Closing Prayer

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Reminder: Next week's club meeting starts the HOPE strategy over with HELP week!

Be sure that the student leadership has a plan to follow up with all new believers before they go to sleep tonight.

Be sure to hold a leadership meeting before next week where you can plan the next HOPE cycle.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



FOLLOW-UP

[VERB] TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH (A PERSON) SO AS TO MONITOR THE EFFECTS OF EARLIER ACTIVITIES OR TREATMENTS. THE ACT OR AN INSTANCE OF FOLLOWING UP, AS TO FURTHER AN END OR REVIEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

STUDENT FOLLOW UP GUIDE

1. COLLECT DECISION CARDS

While in the classroom, sort through the cards into piles based on the box that was checked by the student.

2. BEGIN TO FOLLOW UP WITH EACH STUDENT MAKING ANY TYPE OF DECISION

For those students who committed or recommitted their life to Christ, talk to friends that they were brought by. Ask those students to call or text them.

- It is a time for encouragement and reinforcement of the decision made in club
- Listen more than talk, but be willing to share the summary gospel outline again in 30 seconds.
- Find out if they have a church home. If so, where? If not, invite them to yours.
- Set up a time for you to meet with them and your (or their) student pastor for coffee to talk about the decision.
- End the conversation by asking what you can do to help them walk with Jesus. Offer to read the Bible together once a week over lunch at school.

For those students who committed or recommitted their life to Christ, but didn't list a friend on the card, divide them up among the student leadership team and follow up within 24 hours.

- The moment of salvation is a BIG DEAL! There will be a lot on their mind as they hit the pillow that very night. Make sure someone touches base that day after school or during the next school day.

Do NOT pass a copy of any response cards on to an adult other than your teacher.

- Most school privacy laws prevent any adult walking off school grounds with student information. We want to protect the school from work by honoring this law.

Pray for them

3. STUDENTS WITHOUT A CHURCH HOME

1. Invite them to your church.
2. Offer to read the Bible with them. Start in the Gospel of John.
3. Help them get to know other believers at school and in the community.

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

You have an awesome opportunity to help students grow in their faith; do not miss it!

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2



www.firstpriority.club

A central location for all the information, you need.

LEARN ABOUT THE FIRST PRIORITY MOVEMENT

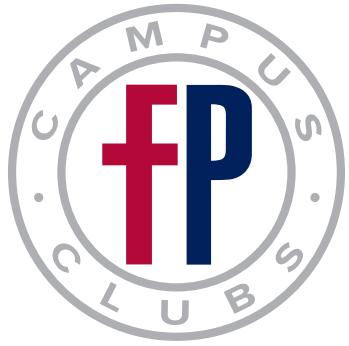
LEARN ABOUT YOUR ROLE

FIND CLUB RESOURCES

FIND PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS AND MATERIALS

MOBILE FRIENDLY

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD



My Response to the Gospel Message TODAY (please only check one):

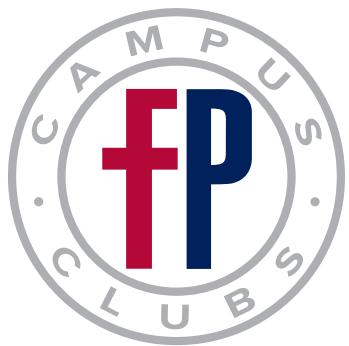
- Today, I prayed to receive Christ
- I would like more information about the Gospel
- I have already prayed to receive Christ before today
- I am not interested

My name _____ Cell # _____

Who invited you to First Priority today? _____

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

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD



My Response to the Gospel Message TODAY (please only check one):

- Today, I prayed to receive Christ
- I would like more information about the Gospel
- I have already prayed to receive Christ before today
- I am not interested

My name _____ Cell # _____

Who invited you to First Priority today? _____

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

GOSPEL PRESENTATION GUIDE

GOD'S LOVE: HIS PURPOSE

God wants to live in 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 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 assumably 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).

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).

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 and Gal 5:22 to life for you.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave before you began 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-time 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.

YOUR FAITH STORY

Your story of
how you overcame
through Christ

APPENDIX

Describe the situation in which you came to faith in Christ. How did you come to realize your need for Him?

How is your life different because of your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Has your relationship with Jesus Christ made an impact on your family and friends? If so, how?

How would you like God to use you in the lives of your friends?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU COMMUNICATE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY:

1. How has your relationship with God influenced the way you make decisions about what is right or wrong?
2. Has God used an older Christian in your life to keep you focused on following Jesus? If yes, explain.
3. How has having committed Christian friends affected your daily walk with Jesus?
4. Do you believe that your relationships are healthier because of the role God plays in your life? Explain.

Complete this guide on the first Sunday of each month. Write out your testimony without looking at previously completed guides. This will help you learn your story and be able to communicate it effectively. Ask a friend to read it each month. Submit the Guide to someone on the practice team at least one week before the Practice meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER FORM

Name

Phone Number

Email

Week to speak: OVERCOME ENGAGE

Describe the situation in which you came to faith in Christ. How did you come to realize your need for Him?

What church are you a member of?

Please explain briefly the Gospel message.

Who asked you to speak at a First Priority club?

INFORMATION:

1. Please arrive on time to speak at the club.
2. If speaking at Engage week, please share the Gospel in a clear manner.
3. If speaking during Overcome week, please encourage students to live out the Great Commission at their school.
For a list of suggested topics for Overcome Week, check out www.firstpriority.club
4. Please confirm with the campus coach the amount of time you will have to speak.
5. Allow time at the end of talk to give students an opportunity to respond.

Complete this form and return it to the person who asked you to speak at the club or the campus coach. The campus coach will contact you for more detailed information about speaking at a First Priority club.

STUDENT LEADER COMMITMENT



1. Be a positive example at school and committed to a **CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE**
2. Develop a **PASSION TO REACH YOUR FRIENDS** through your First Priority Club
3. **PLAN** and carry out the First Priority monthly strategy
4. Use your influence to keep the club **FOCUSED ON OUTREACH**
5. If denominational/church issues come up, encourage **UNITY** and lead students to talk with local church leadership
6. **ENCOURAGE** New Believers to grow in their relationship with God
7. Maintain an active and healthy relationship in a **LOCAL CHURCH**

Name of Church _____ Youth Leader's Name _____

Youth Leader's Signature _____

8. Please use the "**YOUR FAITH STORY: YOUR STORY OF HOW YOU OVERCAME THROUGH CHRIST.**" to describe 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 Teacher Sponsor and Campus Coach to carry out the HOPE 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)

(SIGNATURE)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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.*

CAMPUS COACH COMMITMENT



1. Meet with the Student Leadership Team & Faculty Sponsor for **PLANNING MEETINGS** to advise in implementing the First Priority club strategy
2. **PROVIDE** First Priority resources available for clubs upon request
3. Encourage new Christian students to follow-through with friends in the **FOLLOW-UP PROCESS**
4. Be involved with First Priority **NETWORK** meetings and communicate regularly with your First Priority Director
5. 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
6. **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.
7. Be a **FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST** and maintain an active relationship in a local church that is in agreement with our statement of faith (below), 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)

I agree to the guidelines above and commit to serve the First Priority club at:

(NAME OF SCHOOL)

(SIGNATURE)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

We Believe

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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.*

FACULTY SPONSOR COMMITMENT



1. ATTEND all meetings as required under Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. 4071-74)
2. Be aware of school regulations and make sure the club functions in accordance with **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** and submit a **CLUB CONSTITUTION** to your administration completed at your first meeting.
3. Act as a **LIAISON** on behalf of the students to the school administration
4. Make sure the **MEETING ROOM** is open and ready before weekly meetings
5. Attend **PLANNING MEETINGS** as a chaperone/observer
6. Seek to understand the purpose of a First Priority club so you may be an **INFORMED CHAPERONE/OBSERVER**
7. Provide **PRINTED RESOURCES** for students
8. Keep an accurate **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**, which will assist in follow through with students.
Your administration may also request a copy.
9. Be a **FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST** and maintain an active relationship in a local church that is in agreement with our statement of faith (below), 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).

Name of Church _____ Pastor _____

I agree to the guidelines above and commit to serve the First Priority club at:

_____ (NAME OF SCHOOL)

_____ (Room #)

_____ (Meeting Day)

_____ (Meeting Time).

_____ (SIGNATURE)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

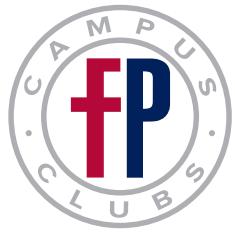
Phone #: _____

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.*

CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS



ARTICLE I - NAME OF THE CLUB

The First Priority Club of _____ School.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

1. To encourage friends to understand the importance of living in relationship with God; serve as a resource to help students enhance their spiritual lives and provide an opportunity to integrate beliefs into daily living.
 2. To provide members the occasion to grow in their faith and for them to develop into dynamic leaders on the campus and in the community.
 3. To increase the self-esteem and moral foundation of peers while discouraging premarital sex, substance abuse, bullying, violence, suicide, etc.; that each member will develop a greater respect for the authority placed over them and pursue a lifestyle consistent to that outlined in the Bible.

ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

Club membership is open to any student in this school that 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; our team of officers/student leaders carry out the following duties including, but not limited to: greeters and promotion, club leader for a specific week, speaking publicly, teaching as able, securing guest speakers, leading or co-leading small groups, skits and mixers, announcements, and refreshments. Any candidate for leadership must be a devoted follower of Christ, 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)

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. Our meetings are student led in accordance with the Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. 4071-74), passed by Congress in 1984.
 2. Our meetings occur weekly and are coordinated with our faculty sponsor: _____.
 3. Our meetings provide students the opportunity to discover and develop leadership skills they will use the rest of their lives.
 4. Our "H.O.P.E." strategy of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow and apply their personal faith and enhance their relationship 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.

ARTICLE VI – AFFILIATION

1. Our club is affiliated with First Priority, a not for profit ministry that resources clubs to succeed in their stated purpose.
 2. First Priority connects a community volunteer (typically an area Youth Worker) to attend club meetings as an invited guest to help student leaders in fulfilling their assigned tasks.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution/By-Laws may be proposed by any member. Amendments shall become effective if approved by the two-thirds of the members and faculty sponsor.

This Constitution/By-Laws agreed to at _____ School
this day _____ of _____, 20_____

By the following students: 1. 2. 3.
4. 5.

NOTES:



FIRST PRIORITY



**UNITING THE
CHURCH
TO INFLUENCE THE
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
CAMPUS
FOR
CHRIST!**

BELIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE

To say the very least, it amazes God for His children to believe in the impossible. The only two times the Bible ever mentions God being amazed is when His hometown expressed little faith and then when the centurion expressed great faith. (Matt. 8:10)

Do Christians know they can AMAZE God? It is in itself amazing that the omniscient God can be amazed. What lover of God would not want to seize the opportunity to amaze Him by believing in the impossible and ingratiating himself to His heart, ensuring that for America, He did not die in vain!

We believe the Church united in a city can change America!



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