

NEW

Help Week Leader Guide

Help Week: A time for student leaders to equip their peers to become missionaries to their school, as they plan and pray for the month of campus ministry ahead.

CLUB TIME PREP:

- Select one student to lead this month's Help Week
- Remind students to post on social media and text friends reminding them about First Priority club time

INTRODUCTION: 3 minutes

Welcome Students, Prayer and Introduction

- **Assigned Leader Opens:** "Welcome to First Priority! This club is a place to seek and grow in God. This week is Help Week, which is where we help each other become missionaries to our school. This month's verse is **2 Corinthians 5:17**. This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** "Today, my friend, _____, is going to share about why living the new life in Christ is the most important part of our witness."



GROUP TIME: New (20 Minutes)

Assigned Speaker Suggestion: Today is a new day. This is a new year. Which means, new opportunities, new goals, new dreams, and new plans. You have probably already begun thinking about the new things you want to do this year and the new things you would like to have. You may start a new sport, get a new phone, or do something you've never done before. Maybe you are making a fresh start to embrace a whole new you. You may be looking forward to some new movies that will release this year or visiting a brand-new place. Either way, new things can be fun, exciting, and take us on a journey.

[Feel free to share a story about how your view of something or someone changed because of your relationship with Christ]

What if today was the first day of a totally new way of living?

What if you had the chance to do anything you wanted to do or go anywhere you wanted to go? Actually, you can! Today is automatically the first day of the rest of your life, which means you have a big decision to make.

What will you do with the life you have been given? Think about it – you have been given the opportunity of a lifetime. The opportunity to dream, achieve, and succeed.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN?

Now for a second question: Who will you impact? New opportunities, new places, and new goals, mean you will meet new people. New people that need to hear about the hope of Jesus. The kind of hope that you have embraced because of your relationship with Him.



What if we all realized that our lives have been made new by Jesus? When we were made new we were also given a new purpose. Our purpose is to be a reflection of Jesus to those around us through our character, attitude, words, and actions. Our new purpose also reveals that we are missionaries. We are called and sent by God

to spread the good news of Jesus to our school.

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Being new also gives us a new perspective. We begin to see things through a new lens – the lens of God’s love. God desires for the students at our school to know Him through a relationship with Jesus. What if we begin to see others the way God does and live out our purpose to tell others about the hope found in Christ?

When Jesus gave his followers a new mission, he told them this:

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NLT)

Jesus gave them their instructions. He told them they would start with the people closest to them and then spread the good news everywhere – to the ends of the earth! They embraced the mission and saw thousands come to new life in Christ. Has our mission changed? Are we somehow prevented from leading people to Christ? Let’s discuss the meaning of this verse.

APPLY IT:

Discussion Option 1: Do you think God would command His people to do something they were not equipped to do? What does Acts 1:8 tell us that we have been equipped with and equipped for? How does this verse change how you see your role in God’s plan?

Discussion Option 2: What parallel in our lives can we draw Jesus’ words, “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth” in Acts 1:8? How do these words apply to you and give you a hint about your mission as a Christ follower? How does this verse change how you see others around you?



ACTION CHALLENGES:

- 1. Group Challenge:** Write out Acts 1:8 on a whiteboard or poster board and take a group photo with it. Post the photo to social media referencing Acts 1:8 and using the hashtags #FirstPriority and #FPNew
- 2. Share Challenge:** Share with someone this week how Christ has given you a new life.
- 3. Prayer Challenge:** Have someone close in prayer for your group to be messengers who bring the good news of the gospel.

WRAP UP: 2 minutes

- Share any FP Club announcements including that next week's meeting is Overcome Week.

