

ENGAGE WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH OUTCASTS”



Engage Week

Engage your school with the Gospel story.

Do what Jesus did by sharing the Gospel story with your friends through words and actions.



Promo:

Remember to invite people.



Welcome:

Remember to create a welcoming environment.



Host

"Welcome to First Priority, we are glad that you joined us! Today we are going to start off with a game to get to know each other better."



Game

Choose a game or funny video to play for 3-5 minutes to get people laughing and talking.

Say something like: "Today, my friend, _____, is going to share something that is very important to them. Please listen respectfully as it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of others. You all were given a "student response card" that looks like this (hold up a sample card) when you came in. Hold on to it and we will explain what it is for later."



Speaker



Gospel Discussion

“Honor Restored”



Host

Invitation Options

1. Response Cards: If everyone would take a minute and think about what was shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus today, then on your response card, simply check that box. Let us know so that we can connect with you and answer any questions you may have. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box and we would love to connect with you.

2. Talk/Pray with Someone: If you would like to talk to a Student Leader or have them pray with you, they would be glad to! Just catch one of them before you leave and let them know what impacted you today and how they can pray for you.



Announcements

Next week is Help Week! Start thinking now who you can invite to join you as we continue this conversation.



Pray



Follow-Up

Be available to talk or pray with people.
Ask how you can walk with them on their Jesus journey.



Leader Tip

Be intentional about having an environment where outcasts feel safe, loved, and welcomed.





Gospel Discussion

“Honor Restored”

In the beginning God created a good world and gave humans great dignity. The world reflected God's love and greatness.

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Genesis 1:31a

“And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.” Under God's care, people honored Him as their Father and lived in a perfect relationship with Him.

The problem - humans rebelled against the Creator, their Father. Through this, we dishonored our relationship with Him. This causes us to feel shame because our relationship is broken. This leads to guilt, fear, and regret because we are not living in the relationship of love that we were created for.

The solution - God loves humanity so much that He came to rescue us and restore our relationship with Him through His Son Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life that shows us exactly what God is like. The humans that He created rejected, abandoned, and murdered Him. He suffered an unjust and shameful death on a cross. It was through His death that He took our guilt, fear, and shame so that our broken relationship could be restored. Jesus was raised to life by the power of God. He is seated in a place of honor and has the right to restore our relationship with God now and forever.

You have a choice - to bear your own shame and remain in a broken relationship outside of God's family. Or, you can trust Jesus to bear your shame and realize that you are accepted, loved, and forgiven because of who He is and what He has done for you.

The result - you can leave guilt, fear, and shame behind to share in the honor Jesus has been given and have a new life in God's family both now and forever.

Placing your trust in Jesus changes your story! It changes from guilt, shame, and fear to being restored, included, and honored by God.

Pray - God, you know the guilt, shame, and fear that I have in my life. I now realize that it is because of my broken relationship with you, my Creator and Father. I believe and trust in what Jesus has done for me to be restored, included, and honored in the family of God. In Jesus name, Amen.



Disciple Tip

Doing what Jesus did means loving the broken and outcasts.