

HELP WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH OUTCASTS”



Help Week

Helping each other believe and share the Gospel story.

Practice being with Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and a practical way to believe and share the Gospel in everyday life.



Promo:
Remember to invite people.



Welcome:
Remember to create a welcoming environment.



Host

“Welcome to First Priority, we are glad that you are here! This week is Help Week and our goal is to use scripture and a tool to help us share our faith. Let’s start things off with prayer.”



Pray

Introduce Speaker: We are glad you are here! Today my friend _____ is going to talk about how to have a conversation with Outcasts.”



Speaker

Help Tool: Invitation to FP

Practice the Help Tool before the club and **pass out the FP Invite Handout** to everyone who comes in. The Gospel discussion and Help Tool are designed to give you a basic understanding to believe, live, and share the Gospel.



Gospel Discussion

“The Conversation with Outcast“



Host



Announcements

Next week is Overcome 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

Leaders intentionally invite people to be a part of something bigger than themselves.





Gospel Discussion

"The Conversation with Outcasts"



Highlight Scripture

Mark 2:17

"And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



Explain (Give context)

Can you remember a time when you felt like you didn't fit in? Maybe you changed schools or moved to a new neighborhood. It isn't easy being the "new kid." It isn't easy to feel like the "outsider" or even the "outcast." Now imagine if you lived with the feeling like no matter what you did, you were never going to be accepted or welcomed? For many people, that's the way they feel daily. They feel like unloved, unwanted, and unappreciated outcasts.

While Jesus was doing ministry, He experienced those who were considered respectable and admired people, while others were considered unclean and unwanted. But Jesus didn't avoid the outcasts. He offered Himself to them and gave them the opportunity to become part of His family.

In Mark chapter 2 verses 15 through 17, Jesus shows us how we should respond to outcasts. "And as he reclined at the table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

There are plenty of people we may enjoy spending time with, while there are plenty of others that, if we are honest, we might feel somewhat uncomfortable. Maybe we are afraid it will give us a bad reputation or maybe we aren't comfortable with the sights and smells that come with putting ourselves in certain company. But Jesus, the Son of God, didn't agree with the harsh hearts of the scribes of the Pharisees. He was willing to eat with the tax collectors and sinners. You see, tax collectors in Jesus' time were hated, untrustworthy people. It would have been socially acceptable and even applauded if Jesus avoided the outcasts, but that's not what Christ did. Jesus showed them love and invited them to be a part of His inner circle of friends.

So how do we start the conversation with the outcasts? It begins with an invite. Through prayer, building trust, and time, the door will be open for you to share the Gospel.



Apply

(See "FP Invitation" or create your own).

Our Help Tool for this week is to create an invitation to First Priority, a safe place where people feel welcome, not judged, and no one sits alone. Pray about who you will invite to your club next week.



Respond (get into groups of 3-5)

Now get into groups and make an invite list and address your FP invitations. Over the next week, ask God to give you the boldness to give out your invitations to First Priority and be ready to greet them at the door when they come. Better yet, meet them in the hallway and walk with them.



Bottom Line

All people matter to Jesus so all people should matter to us.



Disciple Tip

Spending time in Jesus' presence shapes our identity.



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