

TAKING THE HOPE OF CHRIST TO EVERY STUDENT

UNITING THE  
**CHURCH**  
TO INFLUENCE OUR  
**CAMPUS**  
FOR  
**CHRIST!**



What you need to  
know as a student  
leader for First  
Priority.



# First Priority Strategy



## The Gospel Vision

Taking the HOPE of Christ to every student.



## Your Mission

Your mission has been given directly from Jesus. He has called and equipped you to be part of a **family** who **serves** as **missionaries** to your school. Take ownership of your Gospel identity and mission.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20



## Your Team

Your team is a **family of servant missionaries** who **practice the way of Jesus together** in your school. As student missionaries, focus your lives around these three goals:

- Be with Jesus.
- Become like Jesus.
- Do what Jesus did.

## STUDENT LEADER ROLES

Assign a student to lead and be responsible for each of these roles.  
Each student leader may build a team who helps them accomplish their mission and responsibilities.



### Promo

Promote and Communicate

- Social Media
- Invitations
- Posters
- Announcements



### Welcome

Create welcoming environment

- Music
- Food
- Greet



### Host

Host, schedule, and manage time

- Prayer
- Announcements
- Hope Cycle Week



### Speaker

Teach HOPE Cycle content

- Prepare and teach content
- Mentor others to teach content



### Follow-Up

Follow-up with new students

- Be available
- Follow-up process
- Follow-up material



## Living Out The HOPE Strategy

The HOPE strategy is a weekly environment to practice the way of Jesus together at school.



### Help Week

Helping each other believe and share the Gospel story.



### Overcome Week

Overcoming your fear of sharing the Gospel story.



### Prepare Week

Preparing your story of receiving the Gospel.



### Engage Week

Engage your school with the Gospel story.

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

**Practice becoming like Jesus** by letting Him transform you from the inside out.

**Understand the value** of your faith story and practice sharing it.

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

# Planning Guide

## Help Week:



Promo:



Welcome:

Have Help Tool ready and pass out.



Host:



Speaker:



Follow-Up:

## Overcome Week:



Promo:



Welcome:



Host:

Choose game or video.



Speaker:



Follow-Up:

## Prepare Week:



Promo:



Welcome:

Have Faith Story sheets ready and pass out.



Host:

Student Stories Speaker:



Follow-Up:

## Engage Week:



Promo:



Welcome:

Have response cards ready and hand out.



Host:

Have game or video ready.



Speaker:



Follow-Up:

## Monthly Themes of The Conversation:

1. Conversation With God

6. Conversation With Outcasts

2. Conversation With Best Friends

7. Conversation With Enemies

3. Conversation With Peers

8. Conversation With Teachers

4. Conversation With Followers

9. Conversation With the World

5. Conversation With Family

# 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?

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

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

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

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### 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.

Submit your completed story to the leadership of the Prepare Week meeting at least one week before you are scheduled to speak.



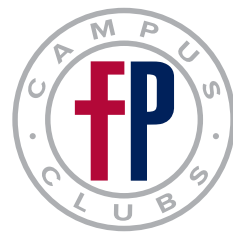
# TEN THINGS FOR STUDENT LEADERS TO REMEMBER:

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. **FOLLOW HOPE CYCLE**.
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 by connecting them in a local Bible believing church.
7. Maintain an active and healthy relationship in a **LOCAL CHURCH**.
8. Make sure you have someone to greet the **GUEST SPEAKERS** at the office as they sign in.
9. Remember to **THANK** the speaker.
10. Every leader is a **GREETER**. Make sure everyone feels welcome to the club.

## Online Resources



# 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 avoid disqualifying behavior that Scripture forbids (Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10), and set 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 "HOPE" strategy of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow and apply their personal faith and enhance their relationships 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# GOSPEL PRESENTATION GUIDE

## APPENDIX

### 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 presumably 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 become 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).

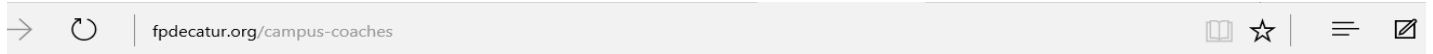
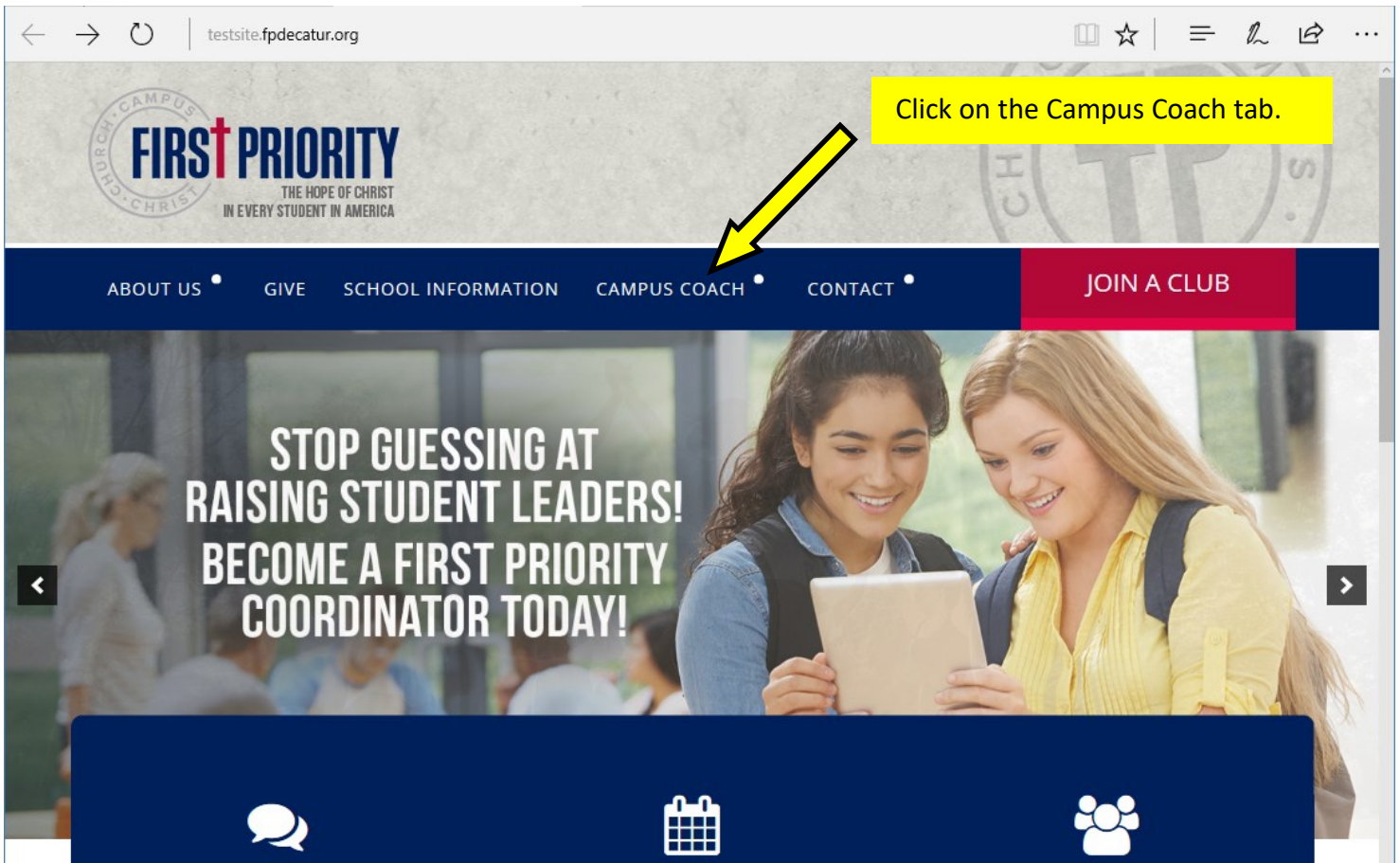
### WHAT TO PRAY:

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.

**THIS ENDS THE STUDENT TRAINING.**

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**\*Once you hit the Campus Coach tab, this is the screen that will appear next.**

**\*From here, you can go to:**  
**FP Report**



# FP Report Page

## FP Report

Enter club meeting summary in the form below.

Which School Are You Reporting For?

Enter Your Name:

Enter Your Email:

Date of Club Meeting:

Number of Attendees:

Number of Decisions:

Additional Information (Optional):

Send

**\*This is the page that will appear when you hit the FP Report tab!**

**\*This is very important and needs to be filled out every week!**

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