



HEART WEEK

Month 1: KNOW GOD

“Father, help us reach *EVERY LAST ONE* on our campus with Your HOPE!”

WELCOME

LEADER TIP: Arriving early to pray over the room, playing worship live or on a bluetooth speaker, and greeting attendees as they enter, creates an environment that welcomes God's presence and people well.

Welcome: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! We are so happy that you are here today! First Priority is a student-led, Gospel-focused club where our mission is to take the hope of Jesus Christ to every student on our campus! This year, we will be learning about our purpose. Each month, we will introduce a new characteristic of our purpose from God's Word, the Bible. This month, we will be learning about what it means to know God. Each week of First Priority will feature a piece of our HOPE strategy. The H in HOPE stands for HEART. This week is HEART week, where we will hear about God's heart for us! Our HEART GOAL this week is for us to understand that God's heart is for us to know Him!

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Feel free to have a student leader pray in their own words or use the prayer below.

SAY: Let's open our time in prayer. *“God, thank You for this opportunity we have to learn about You. Thank You for Your Word and for creating every one of us with a purpose. I pray that all of us here today would understand the purpose that You have for our lives. We want to know You more! In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Worship is a way that we can thank God for Who He is and for all He has done for us. When we worship God, we are saying that He is “worth” or “worthy” of our worship. This means that He deserves our attention, our love, and our praise. Let's worship God together as we sing to Him.

Worship: _____ (Leader)

Worship song(s) length: _____

LEADER TIP: Worship can be led live or by a lyric video. Test all technology WELL BEFORE club begins. Because students come from diverse worship backgrounds, provide lyrics (in slides, handouts, or a QR code) so everyone can participate. Song suggestions do not imply FP's endorsement of every artist or song they perform.

Song Suggestion:

TOPIC:
Knowing God
God's Heart For Us

SONG:
Nothing Else
How He Loves

ARTIST:
Cody Carnes
Crowder

Message Transition Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Worship is a powerful time to invite God's presence. To carefully transition into the message, have a student leader pray in their own words or use the prayer below.

SAY: *“God, we worship You because You are worthy and You deserve our praise. As we hear this message, we ask that You would speak to our hearts. Help us to understand that we were created to know You and have a relationship with You. In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today's scripture is from John 17:3 which says, *“And this is the way to have eternal life—to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth.”*

Message: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: One or more leaders may present the message. If you'd like to write this message in your own words, use the CLUB PLAN TEMPLATE in the FP AL app and the main points below as a guide.

SAY: Have you ever wondered why you were born? Did you know that we were all created for a specific reason? We believe that reason is something called our “purpose.” This year in First Priority, we will be learning about our purpose according to the Bible, which is God's Word! Each month we will learn a different characteristic of our purpose. This month we will learn that our purpose is to know God! This week is HEART week. During every HEART week, we will focus on this question: What is God's heart for me, our club, and our campus? I believe God's heart is for every person on our campus to know God and to know how much He loves them! If you don't know how much God loves you or what it means to know God, we can't wait to share the amazing love and hope of Jesus with you right here in First Priority!

1. What is a “purpose”?

For us to understand what our purpose is according to God's Word, we need to know what the word “purpose” means. The word “purpose” means “the reason something is done, used, created, or exists.” From this definition, we can see that our “purpose” is what we were created to do, the reason we were born! Did you know that every person has a purpose? If you are sitting in this room, you have a purpose. Every student, teacher, coach, or faculty member in our school has a purpose. We were all created by God for a purpose.

2. Where does our purpose come from?

It is important for us to understand that our purpose can only come from God! God is our Creator, and Genesis 1:26a-27 tells us that He created us in His image. If He created us in His image, then of course He created us all for a purpose! We can read about the purpose God has for us in His Word, the Bible. The first part of Proverbs 16:4 says, “The Lord has made everything for His own purpose.” Because we were created in God's image and He makes everything for His purpose, He has created you and me with a purpose!

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MESSAGE (continued)

3. God's heart is for us to know Him.

Today's scripture is from the book of John, which can be found in the second part of the Bible called the "New Testament." The book of John was written by a man named John who was a disciple or follower of Jesus. From this book, we can learn about Who Jesus is, and read amazing stories about His life and ministry on earth.

John 17:3 says, "*And this is the way to have eternal life - to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the One You sent to earth.*" In this scripture, Jesus is praying to God, our Heavenly Father. In His prayer, Jesus says that the way to have eternal life is to know God. To have eternal life means to have a life that lasts forever. In this verse, Jesus tells us that the only way to have eternal life is to know God. If we know God and have a relationship with Him, we can receive His promise of eternal life. This means that one day when we leave this earth, we can live forever with Him in Heaven.

4. How can we know God?

Did you know that there is a big difference between knowing about someone and actually knowing them? For example, think about the difference between how well you know people you pass in the hallways at school and how well you know your closest friends. Maybe you know the name or grade level of the people you pass in the hallways. Maybe you have talked to them before or maybe you haven't. Now, think about your closest friends. Do you know more about your closest friends than just their name and what grade they are in? Of course you do! You probably know their favorite color, hobbies, what they did this summer, and their favorite movie. How did you learn all of these facts about your close friends? You talked with them and spent time with them. The same is true for how we get to know God. We can spend time with Him by reading His Word. We can talk with Him by praying. We can learn more about Him by going to a local church or to First Priority. Just like we have a close relationship with our best friends, God's heart is for us to know Him and have a close relationship with Him!

Maybe you are here today and you realize that you know a lot about God, but you don't really know Him. Maybe today is the first time you've heard that there is a God Who loves you so much. If you don't know God, the very first step is to begin a relationship with Him. If you've never had a relationship with God and you want to start one today, or you have questions about it, see one of our Student Leaders or our Campus Coach before you leave today! We would love to talk with you!

LEADER TIP: Take this opportunity to introduce any Student Leaders and Campus Coach(es) to your club.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT (OPTIONAL)

LEADER TIP: If you have time available, discuss these questions in a small group or large group setting. For small groups, select a leader for each group.

Group Questions: _____ (Leader)

IMPORTANT: If discussion or a student's personal question(s) drift toward topics too lengthy or difficult for the time allotted, please encourage them to ask the adult leaders in the room after the meeting or refer them to their parents or pastors after school.

(Example: "That's a great question. Let's ask _____ after the club today or _____ after school.")

GROUP LEADER(S) SAY:

1. What is God's heart for you, our club, and our campus?
2. Do you really believe that you have a purpose? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean to "know God"?

SOCIAL MEDIA (OPTIONAL)

IMPORTANT: If your club doesn't have a social media account, check with your Faculty Sponsor for approval. **LEADER TIP:** If your club has a social media account, you can create content to share this week's verse, club meeting recaps, upcoming meetings, or events. Encourage your classmates to follow the account. Check out @firstpriorityal on Instagram for inspiration.

CLOSING

Announcements: _____ (Leader)

SAY: "We can't wait to see you next week! Pray about who the Lord wants you to invite! Let's close our time together in prayer."

Closing Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Ask God to help everyone know Him and His heart for us.

LEADERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Dismiss attendees to class based upon Faculty Sponsor's direction.
2. Clean your club meeting space, removing any trash.
3. Reset all items in your club meeting space to their original positions.