



OPPORTUNITY WEEK

Month 2: MAKE GOD KNOWN

“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! Thank you so much for joining us today! This week is OPPORTUNITY week, where we look at taking the opportunities to overcome any obstacles in the way of us making God known! Let's open our time together in prayer.

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: “Heavenly Father, thank You for the opportunity we have to make You known in our school! Help us to overcome any obstacles that would keep us from making You known! In Jesus' Name, amen.”

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Psalm 103:1 says, “Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise His holy Name.” Let's hold nothing back in our worship to the Lord! As we sing to Him and praise His Name, let's worship Him with our whole hearts!

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:
Making God Known
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SONG:
Gratitude
Champion

ARTIST:
Brandon Lake
Dante Bowe

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: “Jesus, help us to walk in the authority that You give us! We want to share Your truth and make You known. We know that with Your power, we can overcome any obstacles that come against us! Fill this room with Your power. In Jesus' Name, amen.”

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today's verse is Matthew 5:14 which says, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”

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.

Today's Message Author: This message was written by Drew, a First Priority student leader from St. Clair County, Alabama.

SAY: 1. Made to Make Others Look Above. Everyone asks the same question at some point in their life: Why am I here? The world tells us our purpose is to become successful, popular, wealthy, to build status, and to make a name for ourselves. But God's Word gives a different answer. It gives us the truth. We were created to know God and to make Him known. Our lives are meant to point people to Jesus through the way we speak, love, forgive, serve, and live. In Matthew 5:14,16, Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden...in the same way let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.” Your school, your team, your job, your family, and your friendships are not just your community—they are your mission field! God has placed you exactly where you are so that people can see Him through you.

2. Overcoming Obstacles. Sometimes our purpose isn't always easy to fulfill because of obstacles that stand in our way. One of the biggest obstacles is fear. Whether it's fear of rejection, fear of being judged, or fear of standing out; fear can hold us back from going and sharing the love of Jesus with others. But the Bible tells us we don't have to fear! Isaiah 41:10 tells us, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Even though it can be difficult, we can face our fear because we know that God will give us the strength we need, if we depend on Him!

Another obstacle we face is distraction. We live in a world filled with social media, sports, grades, relationships, and constant social pressure to fit in. It's easy to become so focused on trying to perfect our own image that we forget we were created to reflect God's image. Society tells us to seek approval from people, and that we're not good enough for God to use us or for others to like us. These are the lies that the evil one tries to use to distract us from fulfilling our true purpose.

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3. Jesus Is Our Example. The incredible truth is that Jesus faced these same obstacles. In the first chapter of John, He was rejected by His own. In the book of Matthew, He was mocked, misunderstood, betrayed by a close friend, and tempted by Satan himself while He was fasting in the wilderness! People pressured Him to prove Himself, take shortcuts, and chase earthly possessions, but Jesus never allowed public opinion to sway Him or distract Him from His divine purpose. He remained completely focused on His Father's will. In John 6:38 He declared, *"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me."* Jesus served as the perfect example to us that purpose is not found in comfort or popularity but in faithful obedience to God.

4. The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power. Because Jesus died for our sins, we don't have to face these obstacles alone. Acts 1:8 and Romans 8:11 tell us the same Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus now lives in every believer. God doesn't call the most talented, the strongest, or the most popular...He calls the willing. Paul reminds us, *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10). This shows us that our lives already have a divine purpose greater than anything we can imagine for ourselves! Every interaction, every act of selflessness, every moment you choose truth over compromise, and every time you stand for Christ becomes an opportunity for someone else to encounter God through YOU!

5. Making Christ Known Above All. One day, the trophies will rust, followers will disappear, grades will be forgotten, and every earthly achievement will fade away. But the impact that you make because you choose to make Him known will last forever. The greatest heartbreak is not chasing and never catching your dreams in life...it is succeeding at everything except the purpose God created you for. You profit less in your life by making your own name famous, because you were created to make the name of Jesus known. The Bible tells us this in Mark 8:36, *"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"* When the world passes away and all last words have been said, worldly profits will mean nothing. When your life points people to Christ though, you fulfill the purpose you were made for, and nothing will ever be more meaningful than hearing these words from your Savior: *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23). Now the choice is yours... will you choose to live for yourself and temporary gain? Or will you choose to live for something greater than yourself and fulfill the true purpose of life?

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 personal obstacles keep you from fulfilling your purpose?
2. What does it mean to you when you hear the phrase "light of the world"?
3. What steps can you take to make Christ known in your day-to-day life?

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.

LOCAL CHURCH INVITE

Local Church Invite: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Take this opportunity to share with the club about your church/youth group, what day/time you meet, and any upcoming events that may be taking place.

SAY: It is important for followers of Jesus to have a community where they can grow in their faith! If you don't have a church you attend regularly, our Student Leadership Team would love to help you connect with a church. **Example:** *My name is (your name) and I attend (your church). We meet on (day/time).*

CLOSING

Announcements: _____ (Leader)

SAY: "We can't wait to see you next week! Let us know if we can help you connect to a local church! Let's close in prayer."

Closing Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Close in prayer asking God to help us make Him known.

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.