



PREPARE 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! It's great to see you here today! So far this month we have learned that our purpose is to make God known, and we can overcome any obstacles that would keep us from making Him known. This week is PREPARE Week, where we learn how God can prepare us to share about Jesus through His Word! We will talk about someone in the Bible who made God known!

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let's pray. *“God, we welcome You into our school right now! Your Word tells us that wherever Your Spirit is, there is freedom. We thank You that You set us free from sin. Send us out to fulfill the purpose You have for us! In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Second Corinthians 3:17 says, *“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”* We believe that God is with us right now! This means that His freedom is here in this room! Let's receive His freedom so that we can freely worship Him together!

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:	SONG:	ARTIST:
Making God Known	Holy Forever	Chris Tomlin
Making God Known	Firm Foundation	Cody Carnes

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, You are our firm foundation! Your Word will never fail! As we prepare to talk about making You known, we ask that Your Word would speak to us. Help us to know that You want to use us to make You known in our school. In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today's verse is from Philippians 3:8, which says, *“Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.”*

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: 1. Our hard times can make God known.

How can we prepare to make God known? We can prepare to make God known by allowing every part of our lives to point to Him! Our words, actions, lifestyles, attitudes, and personal testimonies can point others to God. Even the hard times we experience can make God known. Have you ever had a time in your life when it felt like everything was falling apart? Maybe you lost a loved one, or received sad news about a friend or family member. Did you know that God can prepare you through those hard times to make Him known?

In the Bible, we can read about a man named Paul, who was a follower of Jesus. Paul experienced many hard times. He went through shipwrecks, prison, and even had people threaten to kill him. Though he faced these challenges, Paul allowed his life to make God known. He is known for writing most of the New Testament books in the Bible through the Holy Spirit's inspiration. In these books, Paul doesn't deny the hard things he went through. He allows those hard times to bring glory and praise to Jesus. In our verse today from Philippians 3:8, Paul says, *“For His sake, I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.”* Just like Paul allowed the challenges in his life to make God known, the hard times in our lives can make God known. No difficult thing we have gone through is wasted. God can use it all.

2. Paul could make God known because he knew God.

Paul is the writer of Philippians, where today's scripture comes from. In Philippians 3:8, Paul says that everything else is worthless in comparison to knowing Jesus. Paul is saying that knowing Jesus is the only thing that matters! It doesn't matter how many awards we get, how popular we are, or how successful we can be. If we only have things that are from this world, what do we really have?

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MESSAGE (continued)

In Mark 8:36, Jesus says, “*And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?*” After Jesus changed his life, Paul understood this. Paul knew that knowing God and making God known was his purpose. Paul made Jesus his First Priority. Because Paul knew God, he could make God known.

Jesus changed Paul’s life in such a powerful way that even his name was changed. Acts 13:9 tells us that before he was known as “Paul,” his name was “Saul.” Before he knew Jesus, Saul persecuted, hurt, and killed Christians. He hated anyone who followed Jesus. In Acts 9, Saul’s life was radically changed by Jesus! Acts 9:20 tells us what happened after he began following Jesus. It says, “*And immediately, he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues saying ‘He is indeed the son of God!’*” When we truly allow Jesus to be the Lord of our lives, everything changes! He reveals our true identity! He reveals our true purpose! When we know God, we can’t help but make Him known!

3. Has Jesus changed you?

Paul’s purpose wasn’t revealed until he knew Jesus. Let’s all ask ourselves: Do I know Jesus? Has Jesus changed me? When we truly surrender to Jesus, everything about us changes. Our lives begin to look like His. Are we living like Jesus has changed our lives? Or are we stuck in some old ways? Paul says in Second Corinthians 5:17, “*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*” What if Jesus changed us in such a way that everyone around us noticed something was different? Jesus wants to make us new. Let’s allow God to prepare us through His Word so that we can make Him known!

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. How can our hard times prepare us to make God known?
2. Have you witnessed God change your life or someone’s life like He changed Paul’s? What was that like?
3. Who do you plan to invite to First Priority next week?

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

LEADER TIP: INVITE CARDS can be ordered from the FP AL Office. The printable file can be found in CLUB RESOURCES on the FP AL app.

Announcements: _____ (Leader)

SAY: “During our club time next week, we will be sharing the good news about Jesus! Take an invite card with you to give to someone who needs to hear and respond to the gospel. We will be giving an invitation for anyone to receive Jesus! Let’s close in prayer.”

Closing Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Close in prayer asking God to prepare us to share the hope of Jesus in our school today.

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.