



PREPARE WEEK

Month 4: LOVE OTHERS

“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! We have been learning this month that our purpose is to love others! This week is PREPARE Week, where we will learn how God can prepare us through His Word. Today, we will be talking about the greatest person in the Bible Who showed us how to love others—Jesus!

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 this room! We know that Your Word says that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom! We pray that people in our school will receive Your freedom and Your love today! In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Romans 8:39 says, *“No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Let's worship the Lord and thank Him for this amazing love!

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:
The Love of God	No Longer Slaves	Bethel
The Love of God	Good Good Father	Chris Tomlin

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: *“Heavenly Father, we thank You that nothing can separate us from Your love! We know that First John 4:18 tells us that perfect love removes fear. Thank You for Your perfect love that removes all fear! Help every one of us to show Your love to everyone we see today. In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Our scripture is from Mark 10:45, which says, *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

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. How can God prepare us to love others? One way that God can prepare us to love others is through His Word. We can read God's Word, the Bible, to see what it says about loving others. We can study the lives of people in the Bible who loved others well. Today, we are going to talk about the greatest example in the Bible of someone Who loved others—Jesus Christ.

2. Jesus loved others by serving them. Jesus is the greatest example of a servant. A servant is someone who willingly does things for others. While Jesus could have easily demanded to be treated like royalty because He is the King of kings, He didn't. He chose to be humble. He didn't harshly demand that people serve Him. He served them. Mark 10:45, says, *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* Jesus showed His love for others by serving them.

During the days when Jesus was on earth, it was custom for someone to wash the feet of guests who visited their house. This is because the roads were very dirty, and many people would walk everywhere they went. Transportation, as we know it, did not exist then. Someone in the house would wash their guests' feet as an act of humility or service. In John 13, Jesus was having dinner with His disciples. John 13:4-5 says, *“So He (Jesus) got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him.”* Jesus washed His disciples' feet. This act was so lowly and humble that Peter, one of the disciples, didn't want Jesus to wash his feet. Peter felt that he didn't deserve it. Jesus did this to show His love for His disciples and to give them an example of how to love others. John 13:14-15 says, *“And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”*

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MESSAGE (continued)

3. Jesus loved others, no matter what they had done.

First Corinthians 13:4-5 says, *“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”* This is the kind of love that Jesus models. When we follow Him, His love doesn’t keep a list of all the bad things we’ve done. His love is forgiving, patient, and kind. He shows this kind of love to a woman in John chapter 8.

In John 8, there is a woman who was unfaithful to her husband. Some religious leaders put her in front of a crowd of people to embarrass her and tell everyone about her mistakes. Instead of bringing shame upon her, Jesus corrected the religious leaders. They began to leave one by one. Then Jesus showed compassion to the woman. John 8:10-11 says, *“Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, ‘Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?’ ‘No, Lord,’ she said. And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I. Go and sin no more.’”* Jesus didn’t hold back His love from the woman. He showed her His forgiveness, love, and grace.

4. Jesus loved others by giving His life.

In John 15:13, Jesus says, *“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* Jesus did this. He laid down His life for our sins so that we could be saved. Galatians 1:4 says, *“Jesus gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.”* There’s no greater love than this. Jesus shows us the ultimate example of loving others.

5. Serving others with the love of Jesus can be simple.

We can commit our lives to serve and love others. When a teacher asks for help to pass out papers, we can serve them by being the first person to volunteer to help them. When a coach or band director asks for help cleaning up after a practice or a game, we can serve by helping them. We can serve in our homes by taking out the trash without being asked to. Showing our love for others doesn’t have to be complicated. It can be simple. Simple acts of serving others shows that we love them and we love God. As we go throughout school today, let’s look for opportunities to serve and love like Jesus.

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. Why was it important that Jesus washed His disciples’ feet?
2. Has there ever been a time when it was hard for you to love or serve someone? Why was it difficult?
3. What are some ways that we can serve and love others like Jesus?

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 show us opportunities where we can love and serve others 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.