

# FP LAUNCH WEEK ONE



## FIRST PRIORITY EXISTS TO UNITE US IN OUR GOAL TO REACH THIS CAMPUS WITH THE GOSPEL!

Together Everyone Accomplishes the Mission

### Prepare Ahead Of Time:

A pack of large balloons, small table or desk, Club Constitution.

### Scripture:

Romans 1:16

### WELCOME\* (2 mins)

**Say:** Welcome to our first week of First Priority! We will spend sometime today talking about the vision of First Priority and getting to know one another! We will also discuss the various opportunities to be a part of the leadership team in our club!



\* Optional

## ICEBREAKER\* (10 mins)

### Balloon Balance

*Give students balloons to blow up... about 10-15 in total. (You could have these blown up before hand if time is a concern)*

**Say:** Some things just seem impossible right? There are many times that we look on the calling to reach the whole world with the GOSPEL and it just doesn't seem possible to accomplish. Today we are going to talk about how working together will help us accomplish more!

*Choose a volunteer. Place ONE balloon on the floor. Flip the table or desk over and then place the flat surface of the table on the single balloon. Ask the student to carefully step on the table... it will pop!*

**Say:** It is impossible for just one balloon to handle the pressure and weight of – STUDENT NAME- because the pressure is too great for just one balloon to handle. Let's try it again with more balloons.

*Place many balloons on the floor (10 or so depending on the size of the table or desk) place the same table on the balloons with all of the balloons touching the flat surface of the table (somewhat evenly). Now ask the same student to stand on the table carefully (help steady them) The balloons will hold the weight as the pressure is distributed evenly.*

**Say:** With many balloons the pressure from the table and – STUDENT NAME- was distributed and the seemingly impossible becomes possible! When all of us work to accomplish the mission the pressure and weight becomes easier to bare!

It is the same with the sometimes overwhelming task of sharing the GOSPEL with our whole school! Even though it seems impossible when we work together the mission becomes more realistic. When we add God to mix, well... nothing is impossible with God!

## VISION OF FIRST PRIORITY (10 mins)

**Say:** The purpose of this First Priority club is to reach our friend and fellow students here on campus who do not know Jesus. We gather together from different churches and backgrounds with one singular goal, to share the Gospel of Jesus, and the Hope and Love found in Him! Each week we will meet together to discuss strategy and plan together to combine our efforts to reach our friends with the Gospel and invite them to church. We must unite together to accomplish this mission! The goal of reaching every student on the campus with the Hope of Jesus requires us to work as a team!

Listen to this story about teamwork. In the mid 19th century coastal towns in the US northeast recognized that for too long, during the treacherous winter storm season, sailing vessels were being destroyed along the beach, resulting in far too many casualties. Very few sailors could swim the 300 plus yards to a shore in 40-degree winter waters, and against the current. It was determined to create something similar to a volunteer fire department. These volunteers created, from personal experience and through trial and error, the best plan to reach those whom were within a lifesaving zone...300 to 600 yards from shore by using either a rope line shot from a cannon or a small boat manned by six men.

In 1878 The Life-Saving Service was created. The plan was simple, build and man lifesaving stations no further apart than 7 miles where the waters were most treacherous during the winter. Not only was there a clear and simple plan, but there was a high value placed on being prepared. Five days each week were devoted fully to drills...role playing and practicing scenarios using the specialized tools and procedures that had been tested and proven effective. During this history of the lifesaving stations 28,121 ships were rescued!

Our First Priority club is a lot like a lifesaving station here on campus! A group of people who see our friends and fellow students drowning in their brokenness, in need of rescue. We also know that Jesus has the power to rescue these students and change their lives forever! So just like the lifesaving stations, we will develop strategies and use proven methods and tools to rescue them and bring them to Jesus!

Never in the history of the lifesaving stations did anyone shipwreck, swim to shore on their own, knock on the door of the lifesaving station and ask to be rescued.... the volunteers had to go out and actively rescue them! In the same way we must go out looking for opportunities to share the Gospel with our friends and fellow students!

If we are truly a team working together to accomplish the mission of First Priority we need to make sure that we are involved in connecting with other Christians here at school, in our churches and whenever else we can! The Bible calls us to be bold saying!

*"For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes"*

- ROMANS 1:16

## LEADERSHIP ROLES (8 mins)

Read the following leadership roles and their descriptions. Give students an opportunity to volunteer for each role for the upcoming school year. There may be multiple leaders in each role.



### Public Relations Leader(s)

The role of the Public Relations leader is to help create awareness for our club on campus. This leader is responsible for creating/managing the social media presence of our club. This leader is also in charge of making sure Proclaim Week is in the school's announcements. They also help put up posters and invite fellow students to join First Priority!



### Welcome Leader(s)

The Welcome Leader's role is simple, but very important. Make everyone feel welcome when they come in the doors to visit our club, by greeting them with a smile. We want to make long-time members and first time guests feel excited to enter and be a part of our mission!



### Experience Leader(s)

The Experience Leader's job is to help break the ice each week. The Experience Leader leads a small game or activity to help students get to know one another and to create fellowship!



### Guide Leader(s)

The Guide Leader is vital to the plan! They present the main EPiC lesson each week by using the guides provided online. This leader helps train and equip each of us to be better at sharing the Gospel of Jesus!



### Connection Leader(s)

Being a Connection Leader is a huge task in our club! This leader's job is to follow up with students who visit our club on Proclaim Week! When visitors to our club make decisions to follow Jesus, we want to make sure they get connected to a church, and we want to answer any questions they may have about their decision!



### Prayer Leader(s)

The Prayer Leader helps us during our time of connecting to Jesus. This leader is responsible for our prayer times during club. They help coordinate the distribution of the prayer cards, and are available to pray for fellow students when needed.

## STEPS TO GET GOING THIS YEAR (5 mins)

**Step 1:** In order to be legal, the Faculty Sponsor must inform the administration of the intent to start a First Priority club on campus and each club must turn in a Club Constitution. A training video for Faculty will be sent out at the beginning of the year.

**Step 2:** Each club must decide on the day, time and location for the weekly club meeting. If that has not been determined, this is a great time to discuss this!

**Step 3:** Each Student Leader must fill out a student leader commitment. This can be done easily online at [firstpriority.cc/student](http://firstpriority.cc/student)

## PRAYER (5mins)

Handout the prayer cards and have the student list five names of school friends that they know are not Christians.

**Say:** Fill out these cards with the names of five friends who you know don't know Jesus. If you talk to God about your friends, you are more likely to talk to your friends about God. We are going to spend a few minutes praying for these friends that they would come to Proclaim Week to hear the GOSPEL and that the Lord would work on their hearts and reveal Himself to them!

Take a couple minutes to allow the students to pray for their friends.

## CLUB SELFIE\* (2mins)

**Say:** Let's take a club selfie!

Get the whole group together and take a selfie. Post it to social media with the hashtag #FPClubSelfie



# 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, publicity and promotion, club leader for a specific week, securing a guest speaker, leading or co-leading small groups, skits and mixers, announcements, & refreshments.

## 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 "T.E.A.M." strategy of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow and apply their personal faith and enhance their relationship 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 of South Florida, 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 Pastor) 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 signed students: