

PATIENCE

Engage Week Leader Guide

Engage Week: A time for students to engage their school with the Gospel.



PRE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Confirm your student guest speaker and remind them to be prepared to share the Gospel and an invitation to accept Christ. More Gospel presentation options can be found at firstpriority.club
- Confirm that student follow up cards have been printed and will be ready to hand out to students as they enter your meeting space. Faculty sponsors can print for you if requested in advance.
- Confirm that arrangements for food for the club have been completed and that it is ready to serve just before club opening.

INTRODUCTION: 3 minutes

- Allow students to fellowship as student leaders prepare the group activity.

Welcome Students

- **Engage Week Host:** "Welcome to First Priority! Today we are going to start with a game to get to know one another. There is food for everyone here, so please feel free to grab a bite to eat while we get started."

GROUP ACTIVITY TIME: 5 minutes

- Game: 10 Things
- Preparation: None
- Play: Divide up into groups of 4-5 people. Task the groups with finding 10 things that all of them share in common (besides the obvious, e.g., that they are human). The first group to come with their 10 wins!

GROUP TALK: Gospel, Invitation, and Response Cards – 15 minutes

Introduce Student Sharing the Gospel

- **Engage Week Host:** “Today, my friend, _____ is going to share about something that is very important to them. Please listen respectfully as it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of others. You all were given a student response card that looks like this (hold up a sample card) when you came in. Just hold on to them and we will explain what they are for later.”

Gospel

- **Gospel Presenter:** Begin the presentation by sharing a short version of your testimony.



GOSPEL PRESENTATION: T.U.R.N.T.

Totally Un-condemned and Remade New Today

Today, I'm sharing some good news with you. No matter what you have done or what you have been through, there is HOPE. Let me tell you about it.

- **TOTALLY** pure and perfect, God created the world to be a place of beauty and meaning. He created each of us with purpose and identity. God has designed every person you see in this room. God's good creation was broken when sin entered the world. Sin is anything – thought, word, action or attitude – that doesn't meet God's standard of perfection (we call that 'holiness' in the Bible). Our independence separated us from God and our sin made it TOTALLY impossible to have a relationship with Him. And sin isn't just wrong stuff we do – it's inside us. We can never be good enough to get rid of it. Sin also carries a price tag with it – death (Romans 6:23).
- **UNCONDEMNED** because God's Son took on our guilt and punishment, there is HOPE for you and me. God loves us - He didn't want us to be separated from Him. John 3:16 tells us what God did to bridge the gap between our sin and His holiness: *"For God loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* Jesus paid for the wrong that you have done, are doing, and will do in the future. He paid for it by dying on the cross and taking the punishment that you and I deserve. God the Father also raised Him from death - and His life offers to us the hope of eternal, never-ending life.
- **REMADE** and restored is what God wants your life to be. He wants a relationship with you. He has removed the obstacle of sin and is inviting you today to accept the sacrifice Jesus made for you. We accept that by believing in the sacrifice and confessing Jesus as our Lord.

- **NEW** life begins when you make Jesus your Lord and Savior. Romans 10:9 says that if you want to be saved, you must “confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him [Jesus] from the dead.” You must believe this by faith. This is only the beginning, though; as following Jesus is something you choose to do daily.
- **TODAY**, you can begin a relationship with God. You don’t have to schedule an appointment with God or set a future goal to make yourself acceptable to Him. You can turn to God right now, just as you are - trusting Him to do the work of salvation in you..

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOR

1. Confess your need (I am broken and in sin)
2. Change your direction in life, knowing that God’s way of living is better than our way of living
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and was raised to life to save you and restore your relationship to God
4. Receive through prayer the free gift of salvation and begin your journey as part of the family of God.



WHAT TO PRAY

Father God,

I know that I am broken, and I need your forgiveness. Jesus, I believe you died and were raised so I could be saved. I want to turn away from my old life and toward a completely new life with You in Your family. Right now, I put my trust in You and invite You to come into my life and change it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

STUDENT RESPONSE CARDS: 5 minutes

Opportunity to connect

- If everyone would just take a minute and think about what was shared today. If you decided to follow Jesus today, then on your response card, simply let us know that you made that decision so that we can connect with you and answer any questions you may have to celebrate your new life in Jesus.
- If you have questions or would like us to help you find a local church youth group, mark that on your student card so we can connect with you and just listen to what you have to say. We would love to help you find what you are looking for.
- If you are not interested, that's okay to. No one here will judge you, we are just excited that you are hanging out with us today.

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the gospel message today
(please only check one):

☐ Today, I prayed to receive Christ

☐ I would like more information about the Gospel

☐ I have already prayed to receive Christ before today

☐ I am not interested

My name _____

Cell # _____

Church you Attend _____

Who invited you to First Priority today? _____

The information you put on this card will be given to a student leader to follow up with you. Your information will not be stored or given to anyone else.

WRAP UP & PRAYER: 2 minutes

- As we wrap up, I want to close in prayer, but first I wanted you to know that _____ is available to connect with you if you have questions today. Also, the response cards can be given to _____ and will only be used for follow up requests. Thank you for coming today and please join with me as I close us out in prayer thanking God for His love for all of us today.
- **Student Leader:** Thank you so much for coming today! Please turn in your card to _____ before you leave. We meet here every week at this time, so you are all invited to come back next week.