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Help Week Leader Guide

Help Week: A time for student leaders to equip their peers with a leadership point, as they plan and pray for the month of campus ministry ahead.

INTRODUCTION

Beforehand Task: Select one student to lead this month's Help Week.

1. Welcome Students and Pray

- Student Leader Host - Welcome to First Priority! This club is a safe place to seek and grow in God. This week is Help Week, which is where we engage a leadership discussion that will help us grow in our ability to share the gospel. This month we are focusing on what it means to live *Unashamed* for the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Opening Prayer - List off any reminders for the club as they begin First Priority.

2. Introduce Student Leading Discussion

- Today, my friend <insert name> is going to share about what it means to have courage.



LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION Live it & Speak it

Forbes Magazine* says that this statement is one of the top 10 traits of a leader; Say what needs to be said.

Real conversations can be awkward and uncomfortable, especially if conflict is involved. Having honest, respectful conversations can help cut through any lack of clarity or uncertainty. This also means having the courage to put your opinions on the table, even if they are not received well.

There is a statement that is misquoted often in the name of St. Francis that has great intentions but falls short of the whole truth. That is Preach the Gospel, and if necessary use words. The reality is that such thinking can feel good, let your actions do all the talking. However, when it comes to the gospel of Jesus and a real life lived in Him, that statement does not add up. We want to suggest this month, It would be better said, **Live it & Speak it.**

For many, when we allow only our actions to speak, there is often truth that should be said, that is missed or misinterpreted. This means opportunities for growth personally and as the body of Christ can be missed. For example, you and some friends are sitting at a restaurant having a casual conversation and a mutual friend begins to talk about someone you all know who is not there. As they start to share, you realize that what they are sharing was meant to be private, more importantly what they are sharing points towards this mutual friend possibly hurting themselves or worse. There is an obvious moment of discomfort shared between a few of you who are trying to decide what you do next. Do you just stay quiet and see if this person catches a clue that this conversation is uncomfortable? Do you speak up and embarrass that person with a statement like *"bro, I can't believe you haven't done something about this already"*? Or is there a way where you can speak up with

courage and deal with the two realities in front of you; this matter was meant to be private, but the minute someone is talking about hurting themselves then it's time to get other adults involved to help? Reality is someone needs to be bold and speak up, for the sake of your mutual friend and the person who is sharing.



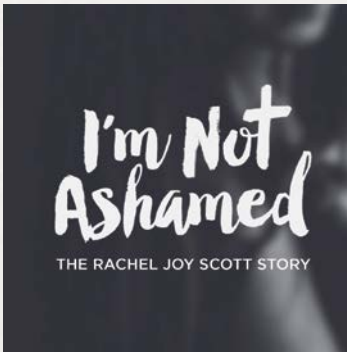
*10 Traits of Courageous Leaders - Susan Tardanico

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The bible is very clear that, as growing Christians, when we face moments where we need courage to *Live it & Speak it*, God is there with us. We need to be reminded, nothing that we face is unfamiliar to Jesus (Hebrews 4:15**), even more so He is very aware of the discussions we are going to have long before we ever find ourselves in moments that need courage. There is a great passage in Joshua 1:1-9** where God reminds us through the life of Joshua that in moments of growth in our lives, that we must not only do as He as commanded us *Live it*, but we must also have His word on our tongue, ready to share *Speak it*. It finishes with this thought in verse 9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

As you enter into planning the three weeks ahead, remember to live Unashamed. You have the right to Live It and Speak It for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus.

Plan



Take 8 minutes to ensure that Overcome and Prepare weeks have been reviewed and that students are in place to host, lead and share during those weeks. Then take your next 7 minutes to discuss how your campus club is going to use the *I'm Not Ashamed Film - The Rachel Joy Scott Story at Columbine High School**** during Engage week to invite students to the Gospel club and to the movie that week.

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Pray

For your peers — especially for those whom you have been given influence.
For the lost — that they may experience the incredible love of the Father.
For your school — administrators, teachers and fellow Christian student leaders to have courage.

**English Standard Version Bible

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Overcome Week Leader Guide

Overcome: It takes courage to stand out from the crowd. In today's culture, relativism is the norm, and absolute truth is the minority. This will be a training on the difference between the two, as well as, a challenge to courageously dare to be different and follow Jesus without compromise.



INTRODUCTION

Beforehand Task: Select one volunteer to share from the Overcome Week Leader Guide.

1. Welcome Students and Pray

- Student Leader Host - Welcome to First Priority! This club is a safe place to seek and share God. This week is Overcome Week, which is where we work together in learning about how to overcome our fears of sharing the gospel. This month our theme is 'Unashamed.'
- Pray.
- List any reminders for the club as they begin First Priority.

2. Introduce Volunteer

- Signal volunteer to join the leaders.
- Today, my friend <insert name> is going to share about overcoming our fears of sharing Jesus with others.

GUEST CONTENT

3. Teaching Time (10 minutes)

→ Introduction

› Introduce yourself, who invited you to speak, and simple points about your life.

For example: *My name is Billy and I'm a ninth grader at Missionfield High School. Sally invited me to share with you today about how to overcome fear. I'd like to encourage and challenge you today.*

John 14:6 says, *Jesus told him, I am the way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*

→ **What is relativism?** You may be unfamiliar with this word because most students do not use it regularly, but it describes the general belief most teenagers have about ultimate truth, morality, and religion in the school you attend every day. You witness it play out when people make statements like, "That may be true for you, but it's not for me," or, "Who are you to judge?" It is essentially the belief that no one is wrong; therefore, everyone is right. Given the majority of American teenagers hold this view, how does it compare to the view of someone who claims that there is a God? More specifically, how does it compare to one who claims to believe in only one God: the God described in the Holy Bible? If you are a Christ follower, is it okay for you to treat ultimate truth, morality, and religion as a matter of personal preference? Because you are in the minority here, you have two choices: blend in or courageously stand out.

Objective and Subjective Truth

Have you ever thought about how some truths are true for everyone, but others only apply to certain people? Take ice cream and insulin, for example. What would you say if you had to determine which flavor of ice cream is the "right" flavor? There is no "right" flavor, of course. That's because whichever flavor is your favorite is only true for you – it is *subjective*. Others are not "wrong" for choosing another flavor. Now, compare ice cream with insulin. If you had diabetes, would ice cream be a good medicine to take? In this case, you would need insulin, no matter how much you prefer ice cream to insulin. It doesn't matter if you whole-heartedly believe that ice cream will control your diabetes.** This truth is *objective* – it does not depend on your preference. These examples serve to show us how most people view truth. While scientific truth is often viewed as objective, religious or moral truth tends to be viewed as "subjective" – meaning it simply depends on your preference. The Bible, however, views moral truth as objective – meaning that it is true regardless of what we believe or even prefer.

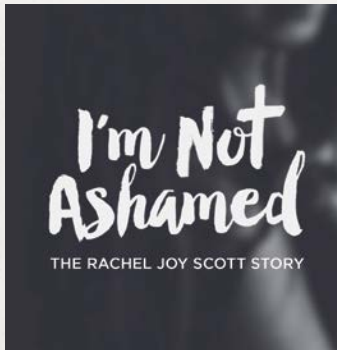
**A New Kind of Apologist - Sean McDowell

Public and Private Life

Most people view life as having two parts: public and private. Supposedly, the public part is driven by objective truth (knowledge, facts, science). This means that in most people's view, all subjective truths must be private, which is where people believe that religious or moral truth belongs – in private as a matter of preference. The danger here is that sometimes people, even Christians, will not allow their private life to affect their public life. Think about it – do you sometimes live one way at church, and another at school or on social media? The danger here is that if we limit our faith to only our private life, we cannot claim to truly follow Jesus because our lives are not totally surrendered to Him. It takes courage to choose Christ over what is popular. I challenge you today to live the same life publicly and privately, allowing God to set the standard for how you live in all areas of your life – because this is the only way to be a witness, being unashamed to identify with Christ.

CONCLUDE

- Follow up the teaching time by thanking the guest speaker. Remind the students of next week's meeting, Prepare Week.



- Take 8 minutes to ensure that Overcome and Prepare weeks have been reviewed and that students are in place to host, lead and share during those weeks. Then take your next 7 minutes to discuss how your campus club is going to use the *I'm Not Ashamed Film - The Rachel Joy Scott Story at Columbine High School**** during Engage week to invite students to the Gospel club and to the movie that week.

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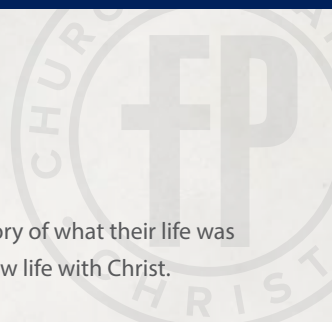
- Dismiss with a closing prayer, reminding the students of the prayer points from last week, as well as, the prayer points below.
- Pray for your school, wisdom, protection, and for open hearts to receive the gospel.

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Prepare Week Leader Guide

Prepare Week: Allows Student leaders to share their story of what their life was like without Christ as opposed to the fullness of their new life with Christ.



INTRODUCTION

Beforehand Task:

- Ensure selected 3 student leaders are prepared to share their testimony with Appendix A – Your faith Story.
- (Optional) Print Appendix A – Your Faith Story (1 per student) if you want to have every student attending club working on their testimony at the same time (recommended at least once a semester).

1. Welcome Students and Pray

- Student Leader Host - Welcome to First Priority! This club is a safe place to seek and share God. This week is Prepare Week, which is where we practice sharing our personal story about how we came to know Jesus.
- Pray.
- List any reminders for the club as they begin First Priority.

2. Introduce Volunteer

- Signal volunteer to join the leaders.
- This month we have been discussing what it means to be unashamed of the gospel. It takes courage to speak up when we would rather be silent. However, as Christ-followers, silence about our faith is not an option. We must speak it and live it. We must identify with Jesus, even when the rest of the world has the opposite mindset. Speaking up and telling our personal story is part of how God can make a difference in our circle of influence. Every genuine follower of Christ has a powerful story of what God has done.
- Today, my friend <insert name> is going to share his/her story. Please listen respectfully as it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of others. At the end, we are going to give some positive feedback on how well they did and also ask questions. Let's welcome them as they share.



TESTIMONY TIME

3. Share Testimonies

- › Student 1 Testimony = _____
- › Student 2 Testimony = _____
- › Student 3 Testimony = _____

- Leader Host: Thank you for sharing, <insert names>. Now lets take a minute to share some positive feedback about how they did. Also, feel free to ask them questions about their stories.
- (Optional) If you are working on testimonies collectively, pass out Appendix A – Your Faith Story and read/explain/discuss each step.

4. Conclude

- Continue to discuss how your campus club is going to use the *I'm Not Ashamed Film – The Rachel Joy Scott Story at Columbine High School** during Engage week to invite students to the Gospel club and to the movie that week.
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- Dismiss with a closing prayer.

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Engage Week Leader Guide

Engage Week: Student leaders inviting their peers to an on campus event to experience the gospel of Jesus.

INTRODUCTION

Beforehand Task:

- Ensure the student speaker is prepared to share the gospel using Appendix B – Sample Gospel Presentation or another gospel presentation at FirstPriority.club and follow with invitation.
- Confirm that arrangements for food for the club have been completed and that it is ready to serve just before club opening.
- Confirm that enough response cards will be at the club ready to hand out as students enter.

1. Welcome Students and Pray

- Student Leader Host: Welcome to First Priority club! 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.
- Allow students to fellowship as student leaders prepare the gathering activity.



2. Activity

- Game: Celebrity Head Mania
- Preparation: You will need a roll of masking tape and a black marker for this game. On each 4 inch piece of tape, write the name of a celebrity for each person attending club or you can limit five people if the club attendance is larger than 30. You will also need a designated timekeeper.
- Play: When each person arrives at club, put the piece of tape containing the celebrity name on their forehead without showing them what name they received. If you are limiting the players to 3 people because the crowd is large, have those 3 players remain standing in front of the club. The object is for each player to ask “yes” or “no” questions about the celebrity name on his/ her forehead and try to guess the name before time is up. If the whole club is playing, set the time limit at 5 minutes and allow them to ask each other questions. If playing as an up front game, set the time limit at 8 minutes and have the players take turns asking the crowd questions about their celebrity identities. Everyone who guesses his/her identity within the time limit is a winner.
- Option: You can give prizes for whoever guesses his/her identity first.



3. Introduce Volunteer(s)

- Signal volunteer to join the leaders.
- Today, my friend <insert name> is going to share about something that is very important to him/her. Please listen respectfully as it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of others.

GOSPEL TIME

4. Gospel, Invitation, and Response Cards

- Student Leader: Share the gospel and give a personal invitation using Appendix B Sample Gospel Presentation or another gospel presentation at FirstPriority.club.

- After invitation prayer, call attention to the response cards and direct students to fill out their information and respond by checking the appropriate box. It may also be helpful to announce that this information is only used if follow up is requested.

Conclude

- Student Leader: Thanks you so much for coming today! Please turn in your card to <insert name of student leader> before you leave.
- We want to finish by letting you know we have a special opportunity for all of us this week. Many of you may be aware, this weekend (October 21st) the Movie *I'm Not Ashamed – The Rachel Joy Scott Story at Columbine High School* is coming out. Pure Flix Entertainment has given us a chance to engage the film in a whole new way. If you go to the website on this card (pass out I'm Not Ashamed Promotional Cards) to purchase your ticket and buy one for a friend, Pure Flix will give you a third ticket so you can invite a peer who needs to experience the HOPE shared in this film. This is a movement you do not want to miss.
- Make sure that an I'm Not Ashamed card is given to everyone who attends as you pick up the response cards.
- See FirstPriority.club & ImNotAshamedFilm.com for Engage ideas*

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Appendix A

YOUR FAITH STORY

Your story is one of the most important tools you have been given by God to share the gospel with the world around you! Finding the power in your story will depend on how you learn to tell it. The first step to being able to tell a powerful story is to **WRITE IT DOWN**. This will give you the ability to edit the specifics and memorize. The second is to **PRACTICE OUT LOUD** with a close friend or parent so that they can give you useful feedback. The third is to **SPEND TIME IN PRAYER AND IN THE SCRIPTURE** to ask God to speak through you before you share your story publically, because God can do more in others through you than you can do by yourself!

1. START WITH A KEYWORD

The first step in writing down your faith story is choosing what keywords describe your life before Christ. Below is a list of emotions. Circle two or three that adequately describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced without Christ in your life. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to chose a keyword of your own! This part helps keep your story compelling and on track.

KEYWORDS

alienated	bitter	fearful	hurt	rejected
alone	confused	frustrated	insecure	uncertain
angry	depressed	guilty	lonely	unforgiving
apathetic	distrusting	heartbroken	lost	unloved
ashamed	doubtful	hopeless	prideful	worthless



2. SET UP THE BACKGROUND

Now describe the situation in which you came to face this problem and why your keyword describes the way you felt. It is more important to be honest than dramatic. This helps people to relate with your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives. If you need more space, continue on the back.

EXAMPLE: *“my parents divorced when I was younger... I blamed myself and began to feel unworthy of relationships... so I become isolated and alone because I was afraid of being rejected for being unworthy...”*

Appendix A YOUR FAITH STORY *(continued)*

3. SHARE HOW JESUS ENTERED YOUR STORY

Now describe how you came to know Jesus. Be sure to describe that moment (or that process) if you can with adjectives that show how meaningful and impactful it was for you. Try to describe how Jesus touched your heart, and how you responded (such as asking Him to be your Lord and Savior). This part challenges people's idea of what God is like.

EXAMPLE: *"One summer I attended church camp with my youth group and we talked about new identity in Christ and being loved as God's children. God began to speak to my heart and to my issues of unworthiness and fear of rejection. One evening I experienced the love of God and realized that Christ died for my sin, so that I could have a loving relationship with God. So I asked Him to save me and forgive me of my sin. The impact of that moment changed everything."*

4. STATE THE IMPACT OF CHRIST ON YOUR LIFE



Now describe how Christ impacted your problem and your life. Use the emotion opposite of your keyword and share how Christ either reversed your problem or is continually giving you the power to overcome. This is the part that inspires your hearers to place their hope in Christ!

EXAMPLE: *"What changed after that was my view of myself. I began to trust that God really did love me and want me to be in relationship with Him. I had once been unworthy, but now I was given worth. I was once alone, but now I see myself as wanted, loved, and together with God and His family. I was once afraid of rejection, but now I know that I am fully accepted by Him, and He is giving me the faith and the strength to overcome the attitudes of the past."*

Appendix B

SAMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

Begin the presentation by sharing a short version of your testimony.

For example: *“I was raised in church. I’d never really thought of my story as being powerful, but when I think about how Christ died for me, a sinner, I am very grateful that Jesus did for me something I could not do for myself. This fact is powerful enough all by itself. I love to serve God because of all that He has done for me.”*



What Is the Gospel?

- Answer: The Father God Adopting Me.

FATHER GOD

God made all of creation. The first people in God’s creation—Adam and Eve—had a perfect relation-

ship with the Father. However, they turned away from Him and creation fell into sin and brokenness. This resulted in separation from God and the free and full life we were intended to experience. God was deeply grieved over His creation.

“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth ... and it grieved Him to His heart.” - Genesis 6:5-6 (ESV)

ADOPTING

God’s heart was so hurt over His creations’ brokenness that He sent His Son Jesus. God sent Jesus to pay the price (redemption) to restore our relationship back to the Father. Jesus sacrificed His own life on a cross in our place and was also raised back to life to end our alienation from God and bring us into a loving relationship that lasts forever. Only because of Jesus can we be adopted as sons and daughters of God—part of His family, along with the benefits of being His children.

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” - Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” - Romans 8:14-16 (ESV)

Appendix B SAMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATION (continued)

ME

You and I were born into the same experience, the inevitable realization that something is not right with the world or us. We discover that we are alienated, alone, and missing out on real life. Life without a relationship with God is a broken existence. The good news is that it can be restored by making the decision to follow Jesus and placing our trust in Him. Once this happens, we have a relationship with God and His family (fellow believers who follow Him)—a true belonging quite possibly for the first time. You, too, have the opportunity to follow Him and place your trust in Him to receive a loving relationship that lasts forever.

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” - John 1:12 (ESV)

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 living
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and was raised to life to redeem 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,

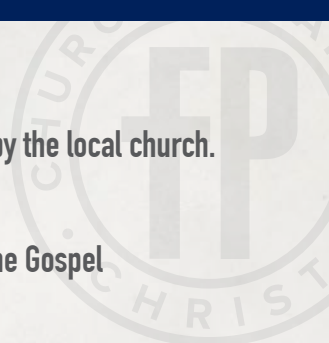
I know that I am broken and I need your forgiveness. Jesus, I believe you died and were raised to life to redeem me. I want to turn away from my old life and toward a completely new life with You in your family. Right now I put my trust in you and invite you to come into my life and change it. In Jesus’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



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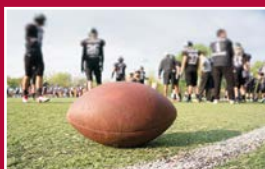
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FIRST PRIORITY BUILDS NETWORKS OF SUPPORT



Students “The Players In the Game” Taking The Love & Message of Jesus Christ As Missionaries To Their School.



Parents “The Fans In The Stands” Praying For, Supporting & Discipling Their Children.



Churches “The Coaches On The Sidelines” Equipping, Encouraging and Empowering Students.



Educators “The Referees Of The Game” Providing Guidance and Direction.



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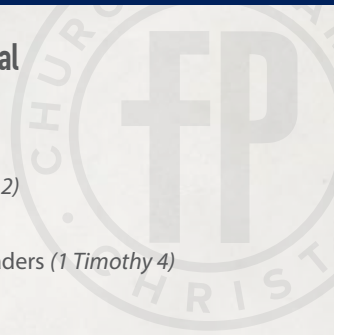


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– Dr. Jay Strack, President of Student Leadership University

First Priority is Intentional, Innovative and Biblical

- The First Priority Campus Evangelism Strategy (*Mark 2*)
- Uniting Local Churches In Communities (*John 17*)
- Building Essential Networks of Support (*1 Corinthians 12*)
- Mobilization of Youth Leaders (*2 Timothy 2*)
- Equipping, Encouraging And Empowering Student Leaders (*1 Timothy 4*)
- Student Led & Initiated Evangelism Clubs (*Romans 10*)



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– Josh McDowell, Author and Speaker




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