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Thank you for the opportunity to play a small role in what God is going to do through you and your friends. We have a VISION that every student in your school will have the opportunity to say “YES” to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We believe sharing the gospel at school is important! The ACTS Revolution isn’t the only way to do that, but it is a simple strategy and plan to help you communicate the gospel at your school. We hope that The ACTS Revolution will be an effective tool to revolutionize the lives of those around you. Read this Guide, find a group of Christian students who are committed to creating outreach environments during non-curriculum times at school and form your First Priority club. These clubs will meet once each week for 20-30 minutes. Watch God move and share God’s results. (see Appendix)

Why ACTS?

In the book of Acts the Church began. Acts 1:8 Jesus said the following, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Notice the words “will be”; those are our marching orders and our job is to be his witnesses in our Jerusalem. Jerusalem is your school and your classmates.

The purpose of the First Priority Club is accountability, challenge, testimony, outreach, and follow-up by connecting new believers to a local church. The plan is called the ACTS Revolution. It is a four-week plan that is a cycle. Once your club has moved from week one through week four, you repeat the Revolution.

The plan is designed to help Christian students be “responsible”

- for the things they learn at church and the way they live their lives.
- to pray for your friends
- encourage other Christians
- influence your friends’ lives toward a personal relationship with God.

Read this simple plan. Hopefully as you read, God will clarify and expand the vision He has for your ministry in your school. This manual is the result of years of hard work by people who value sharing the gospel at school and love serving students. God used teenagers to change the world, now he wants to use you!

Be the Revolution!

Getting Started... Student Missionaries!

ACTS is a focused outreach plan that enables local churches to help students create an environment to share the gospel with friends at school. As this strategy takes form, Christian students will initiate and lead a Christian club at their school. These student-led clubs operate under the guidelines of the Equal Access Act. This effort is focused on outreach, with a plan to incorporate students who are reached at school into local churches...your local church. Each club should reflect the personality and giftedness of the students who lead club meetings and the youth worker who guides them.

ACTS is a plan, a process, a system and a framework that will help you start something in your school that God could use to make a huge difference. It's time to make a difference in your school! God's ready, how about you? Just follow the steps...it's so simple!

The Campus Coach (See Appendix) should meet with The Student Leaders (see Appendix) and or Team Captains at least every four weeks to make sure the bases are covered for upcoming club meetings. The best time to meet is between Seek Week and Accountability Week. Doing this allows a club to always have at least four club meetings planned and allows the Coach to affirm the importance of follow-up.

Student Leaders will...
Plan and implement the ACTS Revolution Cycle.
Lead in the follow-up process.
Report ACTS stories & Testimonies Monthly.

Getting Started... Campus Coaches!

Aahhh, yes! The life of a volunteer... youth pastor, parent, business leader... any way you slice it you come up BUSY...way too busy. It's easy to be so overwhelmed that we become convinced that making a difference at the school down the street is better left to someone else. This is YOUR big opportunity! You have a VERY important role. Whether you're a parent, a college student, a youth pastor or even a grandparent, ACTS can help you fulfill your ministry goals and make your life easier at the same time. How? By turning your students into ministers!

Each club will need a Campus coach. A Campus coach is a youth worker, parent, grandparent, college student or other concerned adult who will get involved at the local school.

Campus Coaches will...
Attend club meetings at the request of the students.
Meet with Student Leaders, as necessary, to plan club meetings.
Provide consistent encouragement and club forms when necessary.

Is this a Bible Study?

No. We dig the Bible. We read and study it everyday. You should too! However, the focus of the ACTS Revolution is giving your friends a chance to say "YES" to Jesus and encouraging the other believers at your school. Think of ACTS as a plan to help your club fulfill the Great Commission.

Because the ACTS Revolution strategy is a framework, it is effective in urban, suburban or rural communities. It will work in your community as well. There are five basic elements that are involved in supporting this strategy.

- An AVERAGE student walks through life without a relationship with Jesus Christ, spiritually dead.
- An AMBASSADOR is a Christian student surrounded by lost friends who are spiritually dead.
- A LICENSE to work as an Ambassador is the Equal Access Act, which provides students the freedom and opportunity to initiate and lead a Christian club at school. For information on the Equal Access Act go to the website below.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equal_Access_Act

- A CAMPUS COACH is an adult, pastor, youth pastor, parent, college student, grandparent, etc. who helps students to successfully implement the ACTS Revolution. A Campus Coach should be committed to this role. Students need support. If a person is unable to fulfill this responsibility, they should notify the Student Leaders so a replacement can be found. The students have all the rights and all the influence. The Coach's job is to provide the support and guidance the Student Leader's need. If your school is lucky enough to have more than one adult coach, count your blessings and have each adult assist 1-2 of the ACTS leadership teams.

An analogy: A fishing guide will seldom fish. Rather, they do whatever is necessary to make sure the trip is successful for the fishermen. The Campus Coach (Fishing Guide) must meet with the Student Leaders at least once a month to plan the ACTS Revolution. The best time for this meeting is typically between Seek and Accountability... we'll explain later.

- A VESSEL is a common open-top container used in many cultures; A hollow utensil, such as a cup, vase, or pitcher, used as a container, especially for liquids. Nautically, A craft, especially one larger than a rowboat, designed to navigate on water. A duct, canal, or other tube that contains or conveys a fluid: a blood vessel. Our VESSEL represents a local church: not only does it hold believers, but it takes them somewhere - typically to do something. In our case, the VESSEL carries eager adults who are ready to provide a supportive force for the Ambassadors as well as provide a VESSEL for the new student believers to grow in.

The Big Three

PRAYER: Nothing great happens apart from prayer. We feel a burden for what we pray for and that moves us to a passionate response. With this in mind, it makes sense have people pray that God would use you. God has given you a position of influence with someone. Pray for that friend! It may be only one or two other students; it could be 436 students, but pray for them...specifically...by name. Remember, when you talk to God about your friends you'll be more likely to talk to your friends about God. Pray for an opportunity to invest in, influence, and invite a friend to hear the message of the gospel. If you're not willing to pray for your friends....don't expect to see God move mightily at your school.

PASSION: Passion is a byproduct of a vision obtained through prayer. Prayer and passion go hand in hand. Jesus SAW the crowds... and had compassion for them! When we see what God sees WE WILL HAVE COMPASSION for them too! God-centered prayer is connected to God-given passion, which ultimately leads us to influence others toward a relationship with Jesus Christ. We see others the way God sees them when we pray!

PLAN: The ACTS Revolution is a four-week cycle that guides students through four distinctive club meetings. We call it a Revolution because club meetings occur once a week and the revolution repeats every four weeks. The success of the ACTS Revolution is dependent on outreach-oriented relationships.

The ACTS Revolution meetings are Accountability (small groups), Challenge (guest speaker), Testimony (typically student led), and Seek (gospel presentation).

Focus Groups

Do NOT confuse this paragraph with "FOCUS groups in 'A' Week"

Our goal is to reach the student body at your school with the love and message of salvation found in Jesus Christ. In order to do that, there needs to be a more specific target. We will rarely reach the entire student body in one shot. That is why each month should have a specific group (student government, basketball team, skateboarders, drama club, etc) that is targeted for prayer, service outreach, and specifically/individually invited to seek week. This keeps the group focused and out of the rut that a 4 week routine could potentially bring. More will be said in the Seek Week section. As you read, keep this in mind.

Club Leadership

The ACTS Revolution works best with a leadership structure based on teams that are each responsible for one week of the Revolution so that duties are spread among the students. There are five leadership teams:

1. Prayer Team, responsible for Accountability Week
2. Bless Team who are the encouragers of the group. They are responsible for Challenge Week.
3. Serve Team who is responsible for Testimony Week
4. Tell Team who is responsible for Seek week.
5. Captains Team is made up of one representative from each team.

If you are starting with only a few students, begin with the ACTS Revolution (meetings) and add the specific ministry (pray, bless, serve, tell) functions outside the club only when there are multiple people on the team to do the work. Divide responsibilities among the group and add to those teams when more students become involved in the weekly meetings. Once there is more than one student helping lead each week, the team for each meeting of the Revolution will choose to have a Team Captain. Each captain of a team sits on the captain's team and is responsible for planning the meetings with their coach and for the follow-up process.

The Campus Coach (See Appendix) should meet with The Student Leaders (see Appendix) and/or Team Captains at least every four weeks to make sure the bases are covered for upcoming club meetings. The best time to meet is between Seek Week and Accountability Week. Doing this allows a club to always have at least four club meetings planned and allows the Coach to affirm the importance of new believer follow-up.

Let's stop a moment... We have come a long way in the past few pages and may have taken some rather large leaps of faith for you. After this page we are going to go into the details of how each week works. It might be a good idea to read over the previous pages again to let the vision of this soak in before getting overwhelmed with details. If you still have questions, formal training is available from your city organization. If no organization exists, that's okay, First Priority Of America can help. Simply fill out a form at www.firstpriority.org requesting to be trained. Formal training will provide the opportunity to not JUST be better at the ACTS Revolution, but can potentially add a Priority Parent Network and Christian community leaders to your group to support your movement at school.

Getting Started....

The first club meeting should be a vision-casting session to introduce the ACTS Revolution to the other Christian students in the school. Use this club meeting to recruit additional students to be involved in leadership. Your second meeting will be the first meeting of the ACTS Revolution.... *Accountability.*

The Strategy of ACTS Revolution

Week 1: Accountability Week

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”
Proverbs 27:17, NIV

Goal

To provide an opportunity for you, the Christian students, to be real with what God is doing in your life, what you are learning in your church, and to push each other in your walk of faith. We want you to be an authentic community with each other and hold each other accountable to what God calls you to do. Find some friends who you trust and could see yourself being real with. Know however, it is harder to go deep with current shallow relationships than to start deep with a new one. It requires trust.

Community “The Missing Key”

The key to successful Christ-like living is community. We often talk about things like reading scripture, memorizing scripture, prayer, fasting; anything with a label ‘spiritual discipline’, and automatically think of it as something that we have to do on our own. I don’t know about you, but most people are not that disciplined. We can’t do this on our own. We need the power of Christ in our lives. We also need spiritual friends to help us. Everybody needs somebody. The idea is to help you see the power that comes from being open and living in community. This is the most difficult part because most students don’t understand it and many youth ministries don’t teach it. *Community is the heart and strength of this strategy.*

As new students are reached through SEEK WEEK, accountability groups become the key to follow-up process. The student who follows up with the new Christian should incorporate the new believer into their accountability group.

After a group has grown to six students, the group should split into two new units.

Discipleship is Doing LIFE Together

Sample Club Meeting

Student-led Welcome (2 minute scripture, prayer, introduction to LIFE Groups)

LEARN (5 min)

INFLUENCE (5 min)

FOCUS (5 min)

ENCOURAGE (5 min)

Student-led closing (30 seconds: Thank them for coming;
Remind them of next week speaker)

L.I.F.E. Groups

Have students copy the L.I.F.E. Guide Appendix for the every person attending. Assign a leader to each group and have them use this form to guide them through each section of the L.I.F.E. acronym.

Time to LEARN -

Write down at least one principle that you learned in church, time alone with God, or your weekly youth service that you will use in your life this week.

Time to INFLUENCE -

Groups discuss who God might be calling you to bring to Seek Week. Each month, the club focuses on a group, clique, team, etc. to focus their prayers on from school. Who do you know from that group? Discuss and pray for the students listed.

Time to FOCUS -

To focus on life and line it up with your desired outcomes is important in Christian living. It is 'doing what you say and want with your life'. Spend some moments in the group discussing 2 opposing areas of life:

1 - moving forward in Christian living. 2 examples: To read a book of the Bible each week; To have one spiritual conversation with a friend each week

2 - sin that is holding you back from the life Christ has for you. 2 examples: pride from being the most popular student in school; being ashamed of who you are because your parents recently broke up and you feel like you are the cause of it and thus not worthy of receiving grace from Jesus death on the cross

Time to ENCOURAGE -

Students pray for and support one another in the 3 areas previously discussed. Often this is cut short due to time limits of the club. This is an important item to follow up with as the FOCUS group leader (and participant if the leader doesn't). Set up a time outside of the club to follow up with each other and pray for the issues/life discussed. It may seem insignificant to let a month go by when someone shared their desire to read a book of the Bible each week. But how lifechanging could it be if you took a moment each week to ask how each other is doing and offer your support/encouragement? You are looking for someone to walk with you and don't realize that most often you get after you give. Rise up, take charge and ENCOURAGE WEEKLY!

Week 2: Challenge Week

“Judas and Silas said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers” Acts 15:32, NIV

Goal

To motivate students to live fully devoted to Jesus Christ.

Basic Information

Two Options:

1. A guest speaker brings a message to the group challenging and encouraging them to make an impact on their campus.

- The Campus Coach and Student Leaders should be certain the speaker has the ability to communicate effectively with teenagers in a positive and uplifting manner. The challenge ALWAYS revolves around being light to a dark world.
- Keep your standards high. All speakers should be informed of the mission and vision of First Priority,
- Be certain the guest speaker knows where the club meets and how long they have to speak. Give a reminder call the night before.

2. Do Ministry

- the greatest fear involved in living/sharing your faith is actually getting out there and doing it. So why not do it together?
- at your captain's team meeting when you decide to do ministry together rather than invite a speaker in, have a brainstorming session on what you can do together to touch the lives of the members of this month's focus group. If it's the drama club, you might decide to put FP stickers on water bottles and give them to the drama club during a rehearsal. Take the time during club to assemble the bottles, pray over them, and figure out a time when most of the club can go together to serve the drama team and potentially build some new relationships.

Sample Club Meeting

- Opening - Student-led welcome and prayer (2 min)
- Introduction - Student introduces speaker (1 min)
- Challenge - Message or ministry team (15 - 20 min)
- Promotion - Student makes any announcements (1 min)
- Closing - Student-led closing prayer (1 min)

Week 3: Testimony Week

“Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15 ESV

Goal

To have student share how they met Christ, what Christ is doing in their life, and motivate students to pray for a specific un-churched lost friend.

Just like any other week please do not leave this to chance. If you do not have testimonies scheduled in advance, this week will be a disaster. It is good for the students to write out their testimonies and get it reviewed by the Campus Coach.

- This meeting is a chance for students to publicly share what God is doing in their lives. There is nothing that influences a student like another student. Keep the focus on Jesus. Tell how you became a Christian and how Jesus has changed your life. Students should submit in writing their testimony one week before Testimony and Prayer Week.

- * The Appendix of this guide has a “Testimony Guide” to help you answer some simple questions to write your testimony clearly and effectively. The basis of each detail of your story should follow the guideline of 1- before Christ; 2- Christ’s influence 3- life with Christ. These 3 points would be your entire testimony if you are speaking on how and when you gave your life to Christ.

- * The Gospel Guide in the Appendix can also be used as an outline for your testimony incorporating your life story in to the flow of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Each person should write down the name of the individual(s) they will be praying for and seeking to invite to SEEK WEEK. They should also share that name with their accountability group. During this meeting, the club can gather into groups after the testimony to pray, i.e., accountability groups, grade, gender, and so on.

Sample Club Meeting

- Student-led Welcome (3 min)
- Student-led testimony(s) (15 min)
- Prayer time (8 min)
- Student-led closing prayer (2 min)

Week 4: Seek Week

“Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest!” (John 4:35, NIV).

Goal

This week provide an opportunity for Christian students to invite and bring un-churched, non-Christian friends to a non-threatening environment to hear a clear presentation of the gospel and provide them with an opportunity to respond to Jesus Christ.

This Week is the Rewards of the “Revolution”

“I had the opportunity to speak at the First Priority campus club at my students’ high school. They packed 175 kids into the choir room with pizza and the Gospel. When I was done, Lindsay Fosner and five other students prayed the sinner’s prayer with their peers. Six students got saved that day!” -Dave Needham, Youth Pastor, WA

This meeting is not for Christians, but for those who have never heard the message of Christ. Most of the students in our youth groups have heard the gospel message many times. The message we must communicate to the Christian students is this, “We know you have heard it, but what about your friends?” Make sure this week is all about sharing the Gospel. If 50 teenagers show up for SEEK WEEK and you know everybody in the meeting says they are a Christian, then do not be tempted to do a Bible study because “everyone says they are Christian.” The two other reasons it is so important that the gospel is clearly shared is because students need to know that this day is consistent and because not all Christians are perfect yet. They need to know what their friends will hear and need to hear it themselves. If we fail to be consistent, students will cease to come and bring their friends.

Sample Club Meeting

- Music, Food, Hangin’ Out (8 min)
- Student-led Welcome (2 min)
- Presentation of the Gospel (12 min)
- Students fill out Response Cards (7 min)
- Student-led closing prayer (1 min)
- * Turn in Response Cards on the way out of the meeting room

*See Presentation of the Gospel in the Appendix for outline

Make sure you:

- Have student or adult who possesses the gift of evangelism clearly and energetically presents the gospel message and leads those willing to accept the gift of salvation in a prayer of repentance and faith.
- Be certain that all present receive a Response Card (see Appendix), even those who attend regularly. This way no one is made to feel uncomfortable.
- Begin this meeting with a welcoming “mixer” type atmosphere and use the final 15 minutes for the message and response.
- Do not blow this meeting by letting the speaker go over and miss the time for filling out the cards. Make sure each student has a pen or pencil. If you leave it to chance, then the ones that pray will not have anything to write with on the Response Card.
- Collect ALL Response Cards as the students leave the meeting room. All commitments to Christ should be followed-up on immediately by the student who brought the new believer or another classmate who knows the new believer. The Follow-up Guides (see Appendix) should be filled out by the Tell Team/Captains Team and distributed immediately
 - to the friend whom the new believer came with.
 - to the youth pastor of the new believer and/or the inviting student.

The Follow-Up

Some of the most important training must be done in the follow-up plan. The students involved will really be blessed to see their friends begin to grow in their faith. The objective is to incorporate the new believer into a church and club accountability group immediately.

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”
Matt. 9:37, NIV

How many times in ministry does an evangelistic outreach yield a great harvest yet our follow-up process fails? Do we honestly expect students to take root and grow independently of the church?

A major role of First Priority is to follow-up on these students who have made decisions for Christ. We must follow the Command of Christ to make Disciples, not decisions.

*See Follow-Up Guide in the Appendix

STEP 1

Collect Response Cards and sort them into three categories:

- A - I committed my life to Christ today
- B - I would like to talk with someone about this decision
- C - I have already committed my life to Christ

STEP 2

Complete a Follow-Up Guide (Appendix)

The completed Follow-Up Guide should be given to the student who brought the friend to the club meeting. It's the responsibility of that student to nurture the new Christian using the steps in the Follow-Up Guide.

STEP 3

Distribute Response Cards

The original Response Cards should be given to the Campus Coach. The Campus Coach should make sure the church indicated on the card is notified, if applicable. This is a great primary reason for monthly youth pastor/church leader meetings - to pray over the response cards and hand out follow up cards to the churches.

Targeting on Focus Groups each month is a great way to make each month strong and unique. You can theme your challenge, testimony, and seek weeks toward them and it really helps you make use of events and ministry teams. It also helps the leadership from getting in a rut with the four week cycle.

For Example

- Monthly Focus: Authority and submission to be a Christian witness inspired by 1 Peter chapter 2
- Focus Group: Teachers and School Faculty
- Ministry Event: Cleaning the Teacher's Lounge or Giving each Teacher a FP Mouse pad / Coffee Mug
- Challenge Week: A teaching about authority from a Gifted Local Minister
- Testimony Week: Student who has had a special relationship with a teacher
- Seek Week: Teacher from your school sharing their testimony and the Gospel and you could invite all the teachers in the school to come hear it.

Focus Groups will help turn your First Priority from a "club" with a meeting to a creative and focused campus ministry. Use your gifts and your ideas to make a real impact on your campus. Make a list

Some of your weekly meetings may have guest speakers, musicians, or other special features. Have your Student Leadership Team develop a list of possible meeting guests. Have Club members give suggestions. Some possibilities include:

1. Pastors
2. Youth leaders
3. Sunday school teachers
4. Athletes (high school, college or pro)
5. Coaches or teachers
6. Other students
7. Singers, actors, or actresses
8. Youth evangelists
9. Christian businesspersons
10. Christian politicians
11. Drama team
12. You name it!

Record the names and phone numbers of your possible guest personalities, their position, and what they could contribute to your weekly meeting. Have a Student Leader call possible guests and ask if they would be interested in sharing or speaking at one of your future Club meetings. Keep this list handy when planning your weekly meetings.

Special Note:

Contact your guest speaker(s) at least one month in advance. Give them a reminder phone call one week before their appearance at the club meeting; and make sure they know the date, time, and directions. Send a thank-you note to guest speakers for their participation in your club meeting or activity.

Final word:

It has been confirmed that the majority of people who make decisions for Christ do so before they graduate from High school. That means you are a missionary in the greatest mission field in our country. You have an opportunity like no other to partner with God to redeem His creation. God wants to use you! The question is... Are you willing to let God use you? This is a simple plan and this plan has been used in schools across the country to see many students reached for Christ. Remember.... Your classmates have not rejected the gospel of Jesus, most have never heard it. Our job is to be light and salt and to love people; it is God's job to convert. Rom. 10:13 says *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* *14 How, then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in on they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone telling them? 15 and how can they tell them unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Go be some beautiful feet! Let your First Priority organization know what is happening at your school by filling out the 'reporting form' in the Appendix. The more you share the more we can encourage others around the country to start new First Priority groups and encourage those that are doing First Priority.

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Who are we FOCUSing on this month?

Use this Page to discuss the group you are going to reach this month and what you will do to corporately serve them and invite them to seek week. It is not necessary to do everything on this guide, only what God is calling you to do... hmmm.

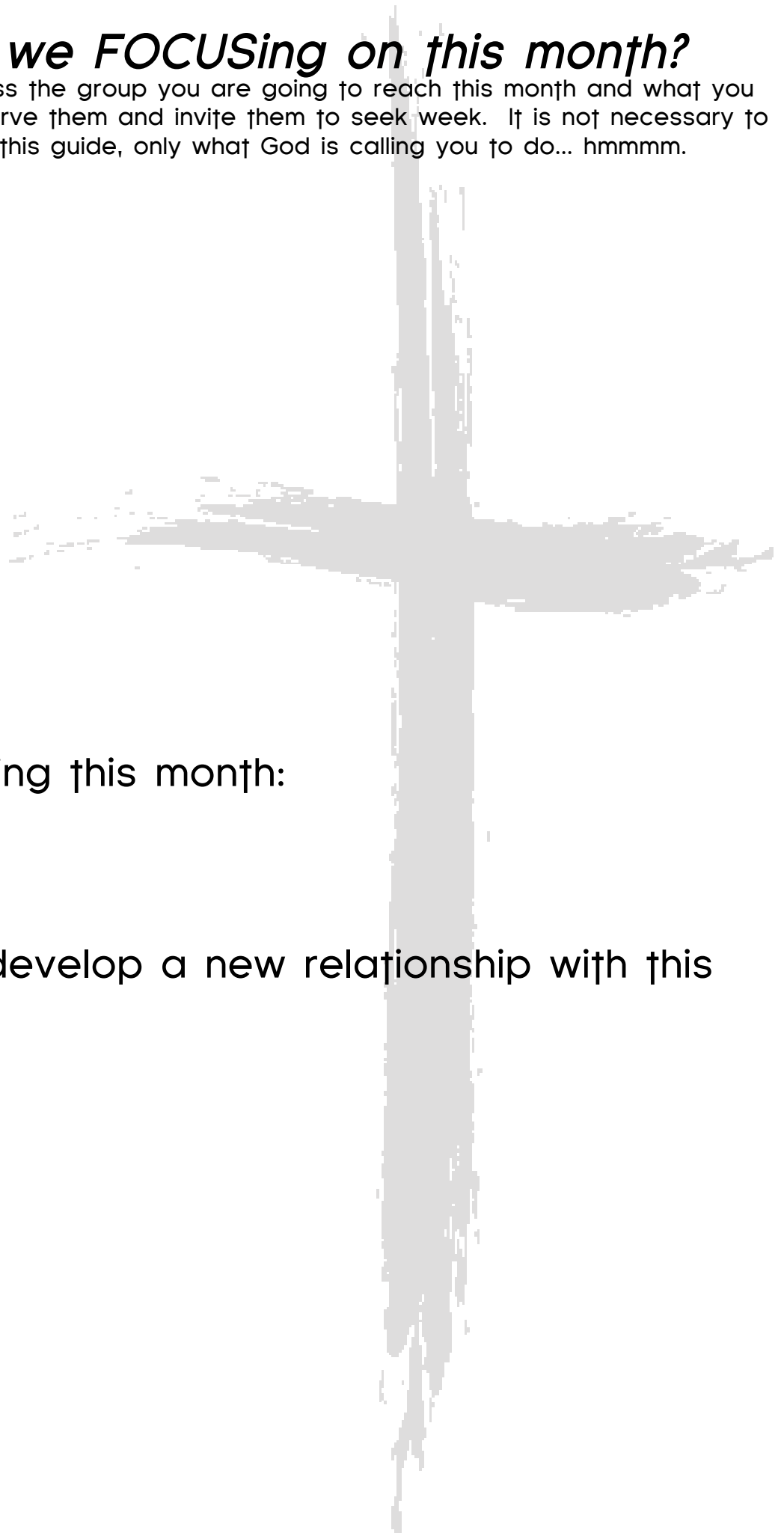
Month:

Focus Group:

Way to Serve:

Goal in FOCUSing this month:

Other way to develop a new relationship with this group:





First Priority Campus Club Charter

We, the students of _____ School, seek...

- To establish a student-led campus club for all Christian denominations at our school to encourage one another in our commitment to Jesus Christ.
- To unite students our school to make a positive difference on our campus and in our community throughout each day and week.
- To have a weekly time of Accountability, Challenge, Testimony, and Sharing the Gospel.
- To develop students who daily care about their school and community through a Christ centered message of hope.
- To be a positive presence at school activities and events.
- To meet during a non-curricular time agreed upon by the school administration.

Requested

Meeting Day: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

Students initiating First Priority club:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____

Campus Coach: _____

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

The Campus Club Charter is an agreement between the school and the students leading the local FP club giving guidance, direction, and boundaries for everyone to work with.



Student Leader Job Covenant

- Meet monthly with your Campus Coach and Faculty Sponsor outside of school to plan your club meeting (ACTS Revolution or FISH). The goal of each monthly meeting is to be AT LEAST a month ahead in the cycle and to ensure proper follow-up on new believers/rededications.
- Make sure all information cards are filled out and returned to your Campus Coach
- Help lead students in the follow-up process to get new believers into local church youth groups.
- Use your influence to help keep the focus on outreach. This plan is simple; please help keep it that way. Many students at your school will meet Christ if the plan and message are kept simple.
- Get everyone involved in one of the Ministry Teams

The Bottom Line

Thank you for your burden for your classmates! Let God use you this year in seeing many people come to know Christ. You are under the spiritual authority of not only your parents and church leaders, but also the Campus Coaches working with your club. We are in this together so make this year count!

I commit to serve the First Priority Club at

(School)

by upholding this covenant as outline above.

_____ Date ____/____/____
(Sign and return to your Campus Coach.)



First Priority Campus Coach Covenant

- Attend the club meeting at the request of the students. The Equal-Access Act says that these must be student-led and student-initiated. You do not run the club meetings. You coach the students!
- Meet with Student Leaders to do long-range planning. Follow-up the plan with a weekly meeting to make sure everyone knows what their responsibilities are.
- Help Student Leaders initiate Ministry Teams and plan outreach events.
- Provide resources for the club.
- Coordinate communication with the other adults involved with the club.
- Network with other church youth ministers, youth workers, and other Campus Coaches in your area. Report on the Club(s) you are coaching.

The Bottom Line

These students need your leadership and guidance. You are the coach. A student with excitement but no direction is like a jet engine with no wings. Give these students wings. It is important that you help keep the club's mission and vision clear. First Priority is simply the plan. Your leadership is essential to your club's success.

I commit to serve the First Priority Club at

(School)

by upholding this covenant as outline above.

Date _____ / _____ / _____

(Sign and return to your local First Priority Community Leadership.)



Faculty Sponsor Job Covenant

- Attend the Club Meetings.
- Make sure your club is not violating school policies or state laws.
- Be a liaison to the school administration.
- Make sure meeting room is open and ready for meetings.
- Meet with Student Leaders and Campus Coaches to plan out your club's strategy.

The Bottom Line

You are so important to these students. In fact, according to a Gallup poll you are more of an influence on students than religious leaders. According to the Supreme Court you are the "referee" ensuring that district and school policies are not violated. With God's help and this simple plan, we can truly make a difference on the campus.

I commit to serve the First Priority Club at

(School)

by upholding this covenant as outline above.

_____ Date ____/____/____
(Sign and return to your Campus Coach.)

L.I.F.E. Guide

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

LEARN:

Write down at least one principle that you learned in church, time alone with God, or your weekly youth service that you will use in your life this week.

Scripture memory verse: _____

Encourage your L.I.F.E. Group and the new Christians to be involved in a local church.

INFLUENCE: Who are you talking to God about bringing to Seek Week? Write down your names and those of the others in your group so you have a reference to pray.

FOCUS: What do you desire to do to move forward in your walk with Christ that you want others to ask you about weekly? Bible reading, finding a church home, a weekly spiritual conversation with non-believers, other _____?
Again, write down your goals and those of your group.

What are some issues/things in your life that you feel bad about and don't want to do anymore that you would like the people sitting next to you to help you with? Maybe it's a sin that is holding you back from the life Christ has for you. Maybe it's pride. Maybe you have just been feeling worthless lately and it's been holding you back from experiencing joy and you need someone to text you each day to encourage and remind you that you are created with a purpose.

Don't write down yours or others shortfalls, but do remember to pray for and with each other and be there in times of need.

ENCOURAGE: Students pray for and support one another in the 3 areas previously discussed. Often this is cut short due to time limits of the club. This is an important item to follow up with as the FOCUS group leader (and participant if the leader doesn't). Set up a time outside of the club to follow up with each other and pray for the issues/life discussed. It may seem insignificant to let a month go by when someone shared their desire to read a book of the Bible each week. But how lifechanging could it be if you stopped your friend in the hall each week and asked how he/she was doing and offered your support/encouragement? You are looking for someone to walk with you and don't realize that most often you get after you give. ENCOURAGE WEEKLY!

Testimony Guide

this is about your story and God colliding in a life altering encounter. Whether that be the first time you encountered him and found faith or through another life situation where you were working out your salvation, it is your story of God working in your life. Use the questions below to jump start that story. The 'Gospel Presentation' page can also be used to jumpstart your story.

1. Describe the situation in which you came to faith in Christ.

2. What is a situation in life that God has helped you walk through? How?
(parent's divorce, drinking, boy/girlfriend issues, etc)

3. How has your relationship with Jesus Christ changed your life?

4. How has your relationship with Jesus Christ made an impact on your family?

5. How would you like God to use you this year?

Submit your responses to the Campus Coach one week before Testimony Week

Presentation of the Gospel

GOD'S LOVE: His Purpose

To live in relationship with us eternally. God loves you and He wants you to have an intimate, personal relationship with Him and to walk eternally with Him. His desire is for you to 'have life, and have it to the full' John 10:10 and to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal. 5: 22-23). Since God created us for relationship with Him and to have eternal life, why are many not enjoying this experience?

OUR PROBLEM: Sin and Separation

Everyone sins. Everyone does things that assumably makes them happy when in the end it is something that leaves them feeling empty. As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one." ... For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. (NLT) Romans 3:10-12, and 23

Our sin separates us from God. The price (or consequence) of sin is death.

GOD'S PROVISION: The Cross

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem of separation from God. He died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay the penalty for our sins and completely bridging the gap between God and us.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:8, TLB). God has provided the only way... and we must follow that way.

Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us 'not guilty' of offending Him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in His grace freely takes away our sins. . . "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23

OUR RESPONSE: Receive Christ

We can receive Jesus Christ when we believe in who He is and what He has done and trust in Him alone to save us. "For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man become right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation." (Romans 10:9, 10, TLB)

HOW TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF CHRIST:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn (repent) from your sins and lifestyle to begin to understand that by living differently, your life will bring John 10:10 and Gal 5:22 to life for you.
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave (Trust Jesus) before you began to understand it - it is not what you do but what He has done.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (Receive Him as your Savior). This isn't a one time and done thing, it is a daily process to work out your salvation and remind yourself that you are okay in Christ.

WHAT TO PRAY:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am sinful and I need Your forgiveness. I believe You died to pay the penalty for my sin. I want to turn from my false belief about who I am (sin nature) and fill my life with You instead. My way of living has left me empty I invite You to come into my heart and life. In Jesus' name. Amen

Commitment Cards

First Priority Commitment

Name _____ (first name) _____ (last name) Age _____ Grade _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____
School _____ Date _____
Check one: Acceptance of Christ Assurance of Salvation Rededication Other
Church Name, if any _____
Who invited you today? _____
Who talked with you about this decision? _____

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Follow-Up Guide

Name: _____

Cell/Text # _____

Thank you for being part of the follow-up process. What you are doing is one of the most important things you will do all year. Please let God use you and your accountability group in this person's life to help them grow spiritually.

This student . . .

_____ Committed his/her life to Christ

_____ Would like to talk with someone about this decision

Name: _____

Cell/Text: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

E-mail: _____

Here are your requirements. These should be done through your accountability group.

- Meet with your youth minister/worker and the new believer to discuss and affirm your friend's decision to follow Christ.
- Pray each day for this person
- Invite this person into your accountability group.
- Help this person have daily time alone with God through a devotional time.
- Make sure this person has a Bible.
- Get this person involved in the youth group at your church, or the church of their choice.

Thank you for letting the Lord use you in this person's life.

Campus Ministry Report

School: _____

Today's Date: ____/____/____

Report for the Month of: _____

Attendance:

Week 1 _____

Week 2 _____

Week 3 _____

Week 4 _____

Professions of Faith: _____

Other Commitments: (Be sure to attach a copy of the response cards)

Campus Coach(es): _____

Faculty Sponsor(s):

Guest Speakers or Visitors:

Cell/text # _____

Stories, News, Upcoming events or Projects you might want published:

Student sending this information: _____

Cell/text # _____

Email: _____