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Got Bait?

There is a difference between a lure and bait. A lure looks and smells real. It will simulate noise and movements to attract fish. It's fake! On the other hand, bait is real. It's alive! You are live "bait." The best "bait" is a lifestyle that is genuine and honors God. Here is an acronym to help you :

Believe that God wants to do something in the life of a friend.
Accept the responsibility to be used to reach that person.
Invest and invite your friend to hear the Gospel.
Thank God for what He is going to do.

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Focus Week Guide



Our Mission:

To encourage, equip, and empower students to reach their campus with the Good News of Jesus Christ

Our Vision:

To touch the lives of every student on every campus in our community through local church networked based Christian Clubs.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR SCHOOL!

The 3 Purposes of First Priority Clubs Are:

- 1) **Accountability:** It helps you and your fellow Christian Students be responsible for what you learn in your youth groups, church, and how you live out your faith daily.
- 2) **Outreach:** It helps you to focus on being obedient to the Great Commission by reaching your classmates for Christ.
- 3) **Follow Up:** It is designed to help you get your classmates who come to know Christ into your church to be discipled.

The Plan: FiSH

Our strategy is simple, a repetitive 4-week cycle called FiSH. Each week has a purpose. The 4-week cycle works! Since August of 1999, over 2,500 students in the Pine-Belt Area have prayed to receive Christ through the efforts of students just like you!

The Big Picture:

The reason your school has not turned to Christ is not because they are rejecting Him, rather, they simply don't know how to turn to Him. You are the Key in unlocking how they can come to know Jesus personally!

FiSH or Cut Bait!

It's time to stop talking about it and get down to the business of doing it. When all elements of the FiSH strategy are in place, students will be reached for Christ, guaranteed! Being motivated is not enough:

- **Motivation without application leads to constipation.**
- **Presentation without demonstration is mere conversation!**

The Big "3" Three

Here are "three things" that will help you "catch people.":

1. Prayer– enlist someone to PRAY for you!
 - Get everyone at your church to pray
 - You pray for a friend who needs to know Christ!
2. Passion-Prayer and passion go hand in hand. When we see our campus the way God sees, then we will have compassion and passion to reach our classmates for Christ.
3. Plan-FiSH cycle:
 - Focus Week**-Students renew their mind, apply the biblical principles they learned from church, and pray for a non-Christian friend.
 - Inspiration Week**-Students are challenged to be "salt & light" on their campus by a guest speaker.
 - Share Week**– 2 to 3 students share how they came to know Christ and what God is doing in their lives today.
 - Hook Week**-Provides an opportunity for Christian students to bring their non-Christian friends to a non-threatening environment to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel.

What's up with the Dead Fish?



A dead fish floats with the current. It cannot swim. It has no direction or control in where it goes or where it will end up. People who are without Christ are “dead in sin.” They are floating through life without peace, hope, or a sense of purpose that comes from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The cross in the eye of the dead fish represents hope for a new life because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us when He was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. The reason the cross is in the eye is because until we see others the way Jesus did we will never be motivated into action. Our lost friends are searching for hope and direction. They can see hope by looking at you and I. That is why the cross is in the eye. You can make a difference.



Basic Information For The First Week:

FOCUS WEEK

Provides a small group environment in which students can verbalize what God is doing in their lives through the ministry of their local church, personal time alone with God, and praying for their non-Christian classmates.

During this club meeting discuss the three Focus Points:

- 1. Renewing the mind.**
 - 2. Applying the biblical principles obtained at church and through personal devotional time.**
 - 3. Praying for a non-Christian friend.**
- Focus Guides should be available at each club meeting. (Your Fishing Guide/Campus Minister/Faculty Sponsor has the originals ready to be copied-Appendix H in the Manual)
 - Renewing the Mind-memorizing scripture-Appendix M in the FiSH manual, have scriptures for Focus Groups.
 - Focus Groups consist of 2-5 students of the same gender.
 - Focus Groups meet during Focus Week in the club meeting and outside the club the remainder of the Fishing Cycle. This is the Key.
 - Have a student share how important these outside of the club meetings are to them. It would be good to line up someone to do this for each Focus Week!
 - When a other students join First Priority, invite them to join a Focus Group.
 - When a student makes a decision for Christ, add them to a Focus Group.

Elect a captain and co-captain for Focus Week to make sure the Focus Week leadership team stays on track. This is the most important week of the FiSH cycle. Be organized and ready for your week!

SAMPLE CLUB MEETING:

Student-Led welcome and opening prayer	3 minutes
Student-led Focus Group testimony	3-5 minutes
Focus Group time	18 minutes
Student-led closing prayer	2 minutes

- Sample meetings are based on a thirty-minute club time. If your club time is shorter, than make the adjustments.
- This is a generic schedule. Remember, this is your club. You can have live music, ice-breaker games, etc. as long as you accomplish your purpose and that purpose is Focus Group time.
- Arrive early to set up the room:
 - 1) Have up-beat music playing as students arrive
 - 2) Pass out copies of the focus guides to students as they arrive. (Repeat this for every Focus Week)
 - 3) Have a welcome team greeting everyone who arrives.
 - 4) Line up Focus Group testimony ahead of time and call them the night before to remind them.
 - 5) Be prepared and ready. Nothing can kill a club meeting any faster than not being ready and winging it!

Helpful Stuff:

- If only one Focus Point is completed during Focus Group time, make prayer that point.
- Students should pick their own Focus Group. Each Focus Group should try to have three to four students.
- When students come to the Focus Week club meeting who are not part of an existing Focus Group, encourage them to meet in a group with someone they know.
- Don't forget to pass out Focus Guides.
- Keep a box of club resources in the Faculty sponsor's room
- Focus Week sets the pace for all the other weeks. Remember that God is at work already on your campus. He wants you to stay focused!

Before the Meeting:

- Student leaders work with the Faculty Sponsor to announce the meeting over the schools intercom at least one day in advance.
- Student leaders should contact Focus Group leaders and remind them of the meeting at least one day in advance. Use email!!! It works!
- Meet once a month with your Campus Minister/FiSH guide. This is not an option. How well you plan will be reflected in your club meetings.