

ENGAGE

Definition: [verb] Occupy, attract, or involve (someone's interest or attention).
Cause someone to become involved in (a conversation or discussion)

The fourth meeting of the HOPE Strategy is to engage your classmates with the life changing message of the gospel. Gospel means "good news". The good news is that God loves us and sent His son to die for our sins. We can be restored to a relationship with Him through forgiveness that is offered through Jesus Christ. This is your opportunity as Christian students to bring non-Christian friends to a non-threatening environment. At this club meeting, they will hear a clear presentation of the gospel and have an opportunity to respond in faith. ENGAGE week never changes. Always share the gospel! Even if you think everyone there is a Christian, make a clear presentation of the gospel every time. No exceptions. A Christian student should share the gospel message. Even if a student stands and reads the gospel presentation from the Appendix, it is the most powerful message in the world. It is the HOPE of Christ to a world that is hopeless.

Do not open in prayer. Do not plan for worship. Just play popular music, eat, and hang out until time for the gospel presentation. Why? Because you do not want to do anything that would

cause a non-believer to disconnect because they feel left out, uninformed or different. If this seems unusual to you, remember that this meeting is for those who have not yet placed their faith in Jesus Christ. The mixer type atmosphere disarms people and establishes a casual atmosphere, which makes relationships and communication more effective.

Promote the ENGAGE meeting based on relationships. If every participating student is committed to bringing one friend to this club meeting, there will be plenty of students to share the gospel with. Leave time for everyone to fill out a response card at the end of the club meeting! This helps the guests to not feel singled out and helps you keep track of who attended that day.

CLOSING PRAYER

The student who dismisses the club in prayer should thank God for those who just committed their lives to Jesus Christ. The prayer could be something as simple as "God, thank you for those who have just invited you into their lives and have become part of your family. We know that all of heaven is



celebrating because of their salvation." Applaud as soon as the prayer ends, celebrating what God has done. This sends a message to those who have just committed their lives to Jesus Christ that what they have done is very important.

The students who prayed to commit their lives to Christ may be contemplating whether to fill out the response card and turn it in. The prayer and applause will affirm the value of their decision and encourage them. If heaven gets excited about people coming to know Jesus, then we should too!

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

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MEETING OUTLINE:

Date:

Team Leader/Welcome

Phone Number

Club Reporter

Phone Number

Greeters

Opening Prayer

Mixer/Crowd
Breaker

Gospel Presenter

(Clearly explain the purpose of ENGAGE week if you bring in a guest speaker and provide a copy of the Guest Speaker guidelines as well as the "Gospel Presentation" sheet.)

Response Card

Closing Prayer

Reminder: Next week's club meeting starts the HOPE strategy over with HELP week!

Be sure that the student leadership has a plan to follow up with all new believers before they go to sleep tonight.

Be sure to hold a leadership meeting before next week where you can plan the next HOPE cycle.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.