

How to help your CU use Uncover Luke

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What is the vision of Uncover Luke?

Imagine if there were Christians studying in every university in Great Britain.

Imagine them in every faculty and society across campus life.

Imagine if every Christian student invited three friends to uncover Jesus for themselves through Luke's Gospel.

Imagine what God might do in answering their prayers for their friends – opening their hearts to believe the good news about Jesus.

In the next few years thousands of copies of Luke's Gospel will be produced. These include six studies and five reflection questions, designed to help your friends discover the good news about Jesus for themselves.

The vision is simple: Pray, Invite, Read. Imagine every CU member introducing their friends to Jesus through Luke's Gospel.

Pray

for three friends to read Uncover Luke with you.

Invite

your friends to read it.

Read

it together.

Will you be part of this vision?

Why do it?

Five reasons to go through Uncover Luke with your friends:

Luke's Gospel was written to bring people to Jesus.

When Luke compiled his account, he did so carefully and methodically. In his introduction, he writes that he has 'carefully investigated everything from the beginning' to provide an 'orderly account' (Luke 1:3). Luke spoke with eyewitnesses who had personally met Jesus. In Luke's Gospel, we see countless men and women transformed as they encounter Jesus and the Kingdom of God he proclaimed.

God speaks through His Word.

We know that all Scripture is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16). As we sow the seed of the gospel, Jesus encourages us to trust that some will receive it and enter the Kingdom (Luke 8:15). God always speaks through His Word, and we need to pray that our friends will have hearts ready to receive it. As Isaiah 55:10-11 reminds us, when you read God's Word with friends, God will accomplish His purpose through it: 'As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'

God uses ordinary people.

God wonderfully uses us to share the gospel. We get to participate in the Great Commission – not because of our qualifications, but because of His power. You don't need to have been a Christian for a long time or have great knowledge. God uses our weakness for His glory (2 Corinthians 12:9-10) and to bring people to Him. You can come alongside your friends and, through Luke's Gospel, help them meet Jesus.

Friends matter.

Yes, God can touch the lives of strangers, but most students come to faith because they see how much Jesus means to a friend. Close friends know you're not perfect, but they see how Jesus transforms your life. Uncover is relational – grab a coffee, a pint, or a pizza, and read God's Word together in a relaxed and approachable way.

It's simple.

Your first thought might be, 'I could never do that,' but exploring Luke's Gospel with a friend is easier than you think. The six studies guide you through the text, offering space to reflect on what is being said. You and your friend will be looking at Uncover together, asking questions together. You're not expected to have all the answers – you're simply journeying with your friend through Luke's Gospel to see who Jesus is.

Steps to launch Uncover Luke

Timing the launch

Launch soon after welcome week, around week four or five of the autumn term, or during your CU weekend away (October/early November).

The best way to launch Uncover is by dedicating an entire CU main meeting or a main meeting during a weekend away. Don't try to launch it in a 10-minute notice – use a full meeting to communicate the vision, teach on the power of God's Word, introduce CU members to Uncover, provide training, and pray.

Plan a refresher launch in January to link Uncover with your events week strategy. In a 15-minute CU meeting slot, include:

- Testimonies about how Uncover has been used so far.
- Use Uncover bookmarks and encourage CU members to pray for friends they want to invite to events week and read Uncover with.
- Explain how Uncover will be used as a follow-up to events week.

Preparing for the launch night

Order resources:

Ensure you have enough copies of Uncover Luke, prayer bookmarks, and stickers for each CU member. Order from the 10oofthose website.

Prepare multimedia

Download Uncover videos and the PowerPoint presentation.

Coordinate with the speaker

Let them know about the Uncover launch and your plans. Have a talk from Luke's Gospel or focus on the power of God's Word.

Running the launch

Refer to the launch plan booklet to get ideas on how to run your Uncover Luke launch night.

Post-launch strategy

Make using Uncover a small, achievable step rather than an intimidating leap.

Start with CU groups

- Do Uncover Luke studies in Impact Groups. Many feel more confident using Uncover after going through it in a group setting.
- Use Uncover Luke passages in CU main meetings for the term.

Pray and share stories

- Set aside time in CU meetings to pray for Uncover opportunities.
- Encourage members to share experiences of using Uncover – not just successes but challenges, too.

Provide short training sessions

Offer practical five-minute training on topics like:

- How to get involved in university life
- How to be a good friend
- How to invite someone to read Uncover
- How to use questions in evangelism
- How to lead someone to faith in Jesus

Events follow-up

- Base events week talks on Luke's Gospel.
- Integrate Uncover Luke into your follow-up strategy.

Have interviews in your CU meetings

- How someone invited a friend to study Uncover.
- How someone overcame fear and gave it a try.
- How a first Uncover study went.
- How a student came to faith through Uncover.

Training

Here are some simple training notes on two issues that you can use with your CU.

The biggest barrier to doing Uncover with someone is often deciding who to invite and how to invite them.

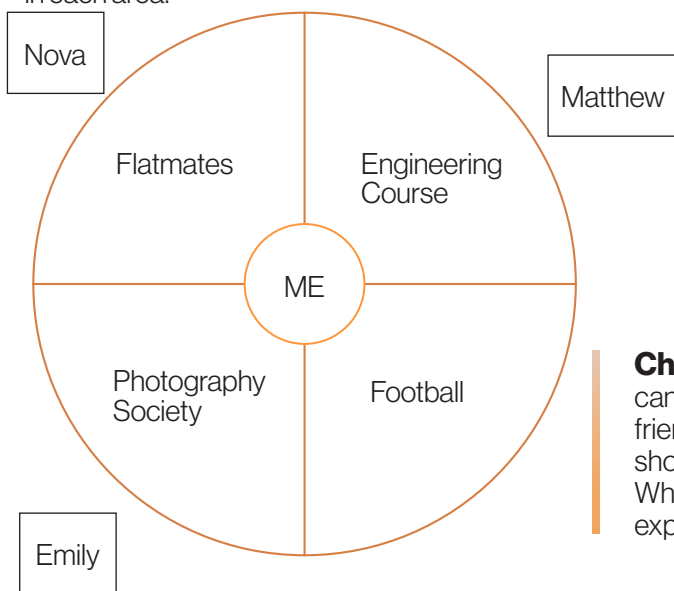
Who are my friends?

During the launch night or at a subsequent CU main meeting, help CU members think about friends they could invite to read Uncover. This may seem obvious, but many people find this guidance helpful.

These are not techniques to build artificial friendships with an agenda. God has placed students in their places of study so that, through Christian friends, they might reach out and find Him (Acts 17:27).

Who has God put in my life?

Give everyone a few minutes to draw a circle with 'me' at the centre, then divide it into sections representing different areas of their life. This example has four segments, but you likely have more. Write the names of friends God has placed in each area.



Challenge: How can I deepen these friendships? For whom should I pray? Who could I invite to explore Uncover Luke?

When we think about the people God has put in our lives, they often fall into three categories:

1. Close friends

People you trust and are committed to.

2. Community

People you share interests or a university course with and know to some extent.

3. Acquaintances

People you recognise and say hello to but don't know well.

The challenge is building deep friendships – relationships where we feel comfortable opening up and opening the Bible together.

Taking friendships further

Sam Chan* developed a concept called merging our universes, which reflects the idea that community deeply influences belief. Chan highlights that many people don't consider Christianity simply because they lack a community of believers in their lives. By bridging the gap between our Christian and non-Christian friendships, we help create a space where trust, shared experiences, and authentic relationships can flourish.

Practical steps to merge universes:

Be intentional with your time.

Building trust takes effort and consistency. If you're always rushing to Christian meetings without investing in your non-Christian friends, it may signal that they're not a priority. Make time for coffee, meals, or simply hanging out.

Create shared spaces.

Invite both Christian and non-Christian friends to activities where they can connect. Whether it's a movie night, dinner party, pub trip, or a casual walk, fostering an inclusive environment allows friendships to grow naturally across your circles.

Integrate your communities.

When your Christian and non-Christian friends interact, it creates opportunities for them to see the gospel lived out in real relationships. This makes Christianity more relatable and allows non-Christian friends to experience a loving community.

Ask deeper questions.

Go beyond surface-level conversations. Show genuine curiosity about your non-Christian friends' lives – ask about their backgrounds, dreams, and beliefs. This builds trust and opens doors to meaningful discussions.

*Sam Chan, How to Talk about Jesus (Without Being That Guy): Personal Evangelism in a Skeptical World (Michigan: Zondervan, 2020)

Inviting a friend to read Uncover

Reading Uncover with a friend exposes them directly to the power of Scripture. The God who encourages, convicts, and corrects can do the same in a seeking student's life.

Here are some key points to consider when inviting a friend to read Uncover:

Talk openly.

Jesus is Lord over all areas of life, and everything is created to give Him glory. Find natural opportunities to point to Jesus in everyday conversations. As you get to know a friend at university, look for ways to naturally bring up your faith and identify the Bible as its source. The more openly we talk about the Bible and church, the more familiar our friends will become with these topics.

Language matters.

Consider how you want to invite a friend to read Uncover. For most non-believers, studying Scripture may sound too intense, whereas reading the Bible feels more approachable. You could also invite them to take a closer look at what Jesus says.

Practical Suggestions

Be thoughtful about how you ask, but don't over think it. You don't want the invitation to feel forced – think about how you'd naturally invite them to any other activity.

Emphasise that it's not a long-term commitment – just one session at a time. Aim for short and engaging sessions rather than lengthy ones to leave room for curiosity.

Choose a meeting place thoughtfully:

- **At your home:** Creates a welcoming atmosphere; offering hospitality (e.g. cooking a meal) can make it more inviting.
- **At their home:** Reduces the likelihood of no-shows and fosters a sense of shared ownership.
- **In a public space (e.g. coffee shop):** Provides a neutral and comfortable setting.
- **Handling rejection.** Be prepared for a 'no' and don't let it affect your friendship. Trust in God's timing and pray for future opportunities.
- **Prayer is key.** Pray for your friend's heart to be open to the gospel and for encouragement and wisdom as you share the Word.

Using Uncover at lunchbars, events weeks, and carol services

By now, you might find yourself mumbling the vision for Uncover Luke in your sleep:

Pray, Invite, Read.

But how does this apply to lunchbars or events weeks, where guests are invited to hear the gospel?

Here are some ideas:

- Place copies of Uncover Luke on tables or chairs during evangelistic events to enable guests to engage with the text during sessions and prompt relational invites in conversation afterwards. Be sure to order enough so that everyone feels welcome to take one.
- Use Luke's Gospel for your carol service talk and during events week. This makes Uncover Luke a natural next step.
- Ensure hosts understand what Uncover is and clearly invite guests to read it with a member of the Christian Union at the end of each event.
- Use Uncover as a follow-up strategy. Provide a feedback form where attendees can indicate their interest in reading Uncover. Ask them to include their mobile number and intentionally connect them with someone in the CU, or a seeker Impact Group, within 24 hours.

The Uncover study passages and titles

In the resource there are six studies and five reflections.

Six studies:

will help you discuss and process what you're reading with a friend. These are designed to do together.

Five reflections:

with commissioned artwork, they will give space for you to pause and reflect in your own time. These are designed to do in your own time.



Encounter

Chapter 2:1-20

Personal Reflection One:

Chapter 2:25-38



Transformation

Chapter 18:35 - 19:10

Personal Reflection Four:

Chapter 23:13 - 25



Hope

Chapter 7:11-17

Personal Reflection Two:

Chapter 7:36-50



Love

Chapter 23:32-49

Personal Reflection Five:

Chapter 23:50-56



Freedom

Chapter 15:1-2 & 11-32

Personal Reflection Three:

Chapter 18:15-17



Trust

Chapter 24:1-12 & 36-53

**Who will you pray
for, invite and read
Uncover Luke with?**



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