

MEET JESUS

6 steps for using Uncover

A quick start training guide with suggested
pathways for reading through Uncover John.
1 hour

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PRAY + INVITE + READ

1. PRAY + INVITE someone to do Uncover with you.
2. PRAY + READ through the Uncover passage you think you will discuss.

You don't have to be an expert on John, or on the section of John you're going to read together, but it's a good idea to be familiar with the passage so there are no surprises, and make sure you have some idea of what the passage is saying. And it's good to be aware of what's inside Uncover. Let's have a look.

3. PRAY + READ Uncover with someone.

There are lots of different ways that you can do this. There are no hard and fast rules. You can read and discuss as much Uncover as you want for as many sessions as your friend will meet with you. But it might be good to aim at a specific number. That will give your friend a sense of hope 😊

The Uncover John book includes a suggested pathway “Meeting Jesus through 6 encounters”:

Study A John 1:1-18 Meet Jesus with the world

John introduces Jesus in the most astonishing way — not with the birth of a baby, but with the start of the world. Here we meet the Word who made the world, who comes into his world as a human being to make God known. The scale of John's story is bigger than we could have ever imagined.

Study B John 3:1-21 Meet Jesus with the religious

In the darkness, Nicodemus — an important Jewish religious leader — comes to meet Jesus. He knows the astonishing things Jesus has been doing and he thinks Jesus must be from God, but he is uncertain. Jesus has some surprising things to say!

Study C John 4:4-41 Meet Jesus with the outsider

Jesus intentionally seeks this outsider, a woman others avoided — she's too scandalous! Jesus asks her for water to drink, but he has come to bring her something even better.

Study D John 11:1-45 Meet Jesus with the grieving

Jesus is confronted with the loss of a very close friend. Can he offer any hope in the face of death?

Study E John 18:28-19:22 Meet Jesus with the powerful

Jesus has been betrayed by a friend and arrested by the Jewish religious leaders for his claim to be the Son of God. He now meets the Roman Governor, Pilate, the man who has the power to sentence Jesus to death. Yet who is the one really in control?

Study F John 20:1-31 Meet Jesus with the sceptics

Jesus' friends and followers saw him die and helped with his burial. They were afraid and confused. But then they meet a man who says he is Jesus, the same Jesus who was crucified days before. How could this be true?

Let's road-test this in groups.

4. DISCUSS Uncover with someone.

It can be hard to start having an unstructured conversation about the section you just read. It can feel too open-ended. So, the 5Rs are suggested as a way to guide and open up (but not shackle or shut down) discussion. The 5Rs are:

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| Retell | the narrative (and recap what's come before).
Note anything that's unclear or confusing. |
| React | how are people reacting to Jesus? |
| Reveal | what is revealed about Jesus (and those meeting him) through words and actions? |
| Reason | what reason might John have for including this event? |
| Respond | what does John teach us about how to respond to Jesus? |

Let's practise using the 5 Rs.

5. REFLECT + RESCHEDULE.

It's ok to ask your friend how they found reading and discussing Uncover. Assuming that they didn't hate it and don't want to ever do it again, it's good to schedule in a next time.

6. PRAY + REFLECT.

Pray for God to work in your friend's heart. Remember that it's God's power that will convince and change them, by His Word and His Spirit, not your skill in using Uncover.