

**MEET  
JESUS**

# **Getting started with Uncover John**

Training in the convictions & competencies of  
using Uncover John to share the gospel.

1-2 hours

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An easier & effective way to share the gospel

## 1. What stops us sharing the gospel?

## 2. Testimonies about Uncover

## 3. Why open the Bible to introduce people to Jesus?

- a.
- b.
- c.

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 John 4:4-42  
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## 5. Making the hardest part easier – who to invite?

example                      first year    friend    visitor

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your context                      \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Pray – God grows his kingdom

# Why open the Bible to meet Jesus?

(NIV 2011)

## Luke 24

<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

## John 20

<sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## 2 Timothy

<sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## Luke 16

<sup>31</sup> "He (Jesus) said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

## Romans 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God – <sup>2</sup> the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup> regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Matthew 28

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## Acts 8

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth." [Isaiah 53:7-8]

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly

Jesus explains himself by opening the Scriptures with his disciples

The Bible starts and grows faith in Jesus

The Gospel is revealed by the Scriptures: 'Jesus Christ is Lord'

The Great Commission includes teaching everything Jesus taught his apostles (found in the Bible)

See what you discover using the 5Rs on this

# Getting Started with Uncover John

## Leaders Notes

### 1. What stops us sharing the gospel?

### 2. Testimonies about Uncover

If you have copies of Uncover John, pass the books around & ask participants to have a look – *what do they notice? What do they like about it?*

Share your own stories or use the videos provided through the Meet Jesus resources page.

### 3. Why open the Bible to introduce people to Jesus? (go to page 2 & work through passages)

Summary of how Uncover helps us:

#### a. John contains everything you need to know to become a Christian

Jesus died for our sins (substitution)

how to become a Christian

Jesus offers forgiveness

admit our sin (repentance)

saved by faith alone

willing to accept Jesus as their personal Lord

#### b. We have everything we need (to evangelise)!

God, His Spirit, Gospel & His Word, prayer, witness

#### c. How you become a Christian is also how you grow as a Christian!

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*Easy to remember*

*Repeatable for every passage*

*Start with the text rather than with us*

*But moves us to a response – tip: do a thought experiment: if I weren't a Christian, how might I respond?*

*Forces us deeper into the text & to slow down to see what's really there*

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One of the hardest things is actually finding someone to meet with. But the mistake we often make is to make the job harder for ourselves, thinking we need to first convince the atheist stranger on the street to do this with us. The example below has suggested people pathways, providing scope for students to see it's possible for them to invite someone to read Uncover John by starting with who's already there around them.

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