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The website www.identity08.org should be up and running very soon!! During the week and in publicity before hand, please feel free to direct people to the site. It has more info on the weeks events, student testimonies, and pages that help explain further the Christian message, as well as resources for further investigation into Christianity and a chance for response.

And God said, "I will be with you."

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
CHRISTIAN UNION



HANDBOOK

11-16th February 2008

JESUS:

"I know where I came from and where I am going."

John 8.14

DO YOU?

I:identity is a week of events aiming to glorify God by faithfully, lovingly and relevantly sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with every student at Nottingham University.

The week is about Jesus, for his glory and for those who are currently lost, separated from God. The week isn't about us, but through us the Holy Spirit can work to transform lives and bring people into an everlasting life in Christ.

The main speaker will be Lee McMunn.

We will also be joined by 30+ CU guests or CUGS who will be based in hall nine 20 groups and will be helping us in our outreach mission. Please be welcoming, say hi, get to know them and use them in mission; to chat with your friends, to answer questions and to join with in prayer.

Space for prayer points regarding follow up after I:identity:

for those we spoke to about our faith during the week, for those who showed an interest in the gospel and a desire to learn more and finally for Christianity Explored, for who you could invite and for the sessions themselves.

Follow up

It is important that after Identity has finished that we continue to pray for our friends and for those lost at Nottingham University.

We must strive to continue to be spreading the gospel every day. Our mission certainly doesn't finish after this week.

We can continue to invite people to CU events and to Church.

We can continue to witness to our friends and those around us, through Godly living and direct proclamation of the gospel.

Lunchbars will continue to happen for the rest of this term and into next, why not follow up some of the conversations you may have had during the week over some free lunch and an apologetics talk?

Christianity Explored starts up the first Monday after mission week and continues every Monday till the end of term. That's sessions on the 18th Feb, 25th Feb, 3 March and 10th March (contrary to the term card there will be no session on the 6th March). They will start at 7pm and will take place in C20 in the Portland building. These sessions are such a great opportunity for those who are interested to delve deeper into the Christian faith. Please do be praying about who you could invite and come along with them each week if possible. So often it is through further investigation and discussion that God works to bring people into his Kingdom and so Christianity Explored, in that sense, is one of the most important events we do as a CU.

Above all continue to pray to our merciful, loving and grace giving God.

Do you ever wonder who you are? Who God is?

'Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

And God said, "I will be with you."

Exodus 3:11-12

What Moses didn't realise is that it isn't about who we are— it is about who He is! It isn't about our failures, it's about His power. It isn't about our faults, it's about His perfection. It isn't about our weakness, it's about His strength. It isn't about our shame, it is about His mercy. It isn't about our sins, it is about His GRACE.

AND HE IS WITH US.

This week is not about the free sandwiches, the milkshakes, the hoodies or even the talks. This week is just another opportunity for the people of this university to come closer to their Creator— to find out who He is— and who they are.

So this week is just another opportunity. But what an opportunity it is! Be BOLD this week, be honest and be unashamed of your living King. Be bold in asking people to events— be bold in your conversations. What can we lose that is worth losing, if God is with us?

"What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him"

Philippians 3:8-9

This week, every person on campus will have the chance to hear the Gospel— perhaps for the first time.

How to use Identity for evangelism

So WHAT is your identity?

So many people struggle with their identity. Perhaps they don't know who they are– or don't like it.

WHERE is our identity?

Maybe it is in our studies or job?

In alcohol?

In drugs?

In sex?

In our friends?

In our hobbies?

In our nationality?

In our religion?

In Christ?

When everything else is stripped away– when it is us, God and eternity– where is your identity then?

Our friends, neighbours, coursemates NEED to find their real identity. We are made in the image and likeness of God. We are children of God, the lover of Jesus Christ.

If we talk to our friends, we might not think anything will come of it. After all, who are we, to make a difference?

And God said, "I WILL BE WITH YOU."

Revelation 7:9

"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands".

Personal Evangelism

Because it is God, his Spirit and the life saving power of Christ that works in evangelism, every one of us is equipped to do this work. We feel like we're not up to the job, we don't know the Bible well enough, that we're not good enough speakers or eloquent in debate, that we're not good enough witnesses in our day to day lives.

And you know what, that's exactly right!!

And God said, "I will be with you."

But God is the one who changes people's hearts, he is with us in this and he works through us. He never forsakes us, he never leaves us! So step out and trust in God's grace.

The apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

"When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony of God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power".

If you know the gospel message you know enough to effectively evangelise to the lost, with the saving power of the Spirit working through us, we can be a powerful vessel for God's work.

Again there is more space here for prayer ideas and comments, maybe write some encouraging verses and pray to God through them.

Therefore, take up the **whole armour of God**,
that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,
and having done all,
to **stand firm**.

Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on

the breastplate of righteousness,
and as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness
given by the **gospel of peace**.

In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**,
with which you can
extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the

helmet of salvation,

and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**,
praying at all times
in **the Spirit**

with all **prayer and supplication**.

Ephesians 6:13-18

Spiritual warfare is not a game, or a metaphor. It is a true battle that is going on in our university. Our awesome and sacred King and ruler has given us the most amazing chance to fight for Him.

So why not fight? For all that is good, all that is holy, all that is worthy.

And what is this, if not God himself?

Prayer before and during I:identity

Jesus is Lord: he is before all things, and in him all things hold together (Col 1:17). Our chief purpose is to glorify God by enjoying him forever, putting him first in every part of our lives. God is our loving heavenly Father who cares and provides for our every need. His grace has saved us and enables us to do the good works he has prepared us to do (Eph 2:8-10). Without Christ we can do nothing, but with him we can do anything;

And God said, "I will be with you."

Our priority in I:identity, as in everything, must be to dwell with God, reading his word, relying on his grace for everything we do and praying.

God has given us this ministry of reconciling the world to himself, for "we are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us" (2 Cor 5:18-21).

We need to TOTALLY DEPEND on the God of mission for i:identity:

During the week we hope to sow the seed of the Good News anywhere and everywhere!! But unless God's spirit works through us we will be sowing our seeds on concrete (cf. Mark 4:1-20). Our spiritual message can only be accepted by hearts in which God's Spirit works. So.....WE MUST PRAY.

Over the next few pages are some suggested prayer points for the time left leading up to the mission and for during the mission week too. Why not pray everyday from now through to the mission for you non-Christian friends. If we want to see people saved we need to pray.

Pray on your own,

Pray with those you live with, in your hall groups, with housemates or with people you know who live near by.

Inviting people to events

Often we're scared of asking our friends to events as we think they'll never say yes, but Jesus is in total control, he works by his Spirit secretly in people's hearts and there is no-one for whom the gospel is not for. Therefore we should just ask!

And God said, "I will be with you."

Use this space for ideas of people you could invite, and how you could invite them. Use the list to pray over in preparation for I:identity.

Evangelistic books

We want to have a bookstall available where non-Christians can buy books which will introduce them to Jesus. The plan is that the books will either be free or cost 1 pound.

However to do this we need to buy the books in the first place. Therefore would you be willing to 'SPONSOR A BOOK'? The plan is that if you would like to buy a book to donate could you please email me at evangelism@nucu.org so as I can let you know the prices of the books we need. That way I can buy the books in bulk and save on postage. Some of the books have been purchased already and other will be bought prior to the week.

Books we want to have available:

The Bible
Christianity explored– Rico Tice and Barry Cooper
Alpha: Questions for Life– Nicky Gumbel
Case for Christ– Lee Strobel
Case for Faith– Lee Strobel
Case for the Creator– Lee Strobel
Mere Christianity– CS Lewis
Why Trust the Bible– Amy Orr-Ewing
New Testament Documents are they reliable?- FF Bruce
Why should God bother with me?- Simon Austen
Turning points– Vaughan Roberts
God's Big Picture– Vaughan Roberts
Why do bad things happen to good people?- Melvin Tinker
Close Encounters-Melvin Tinker
Why Believe?-Roger Carswell

Why not use scripture to inspire you and to help you in committing this week and our whole life long witness to God.

If during the week you chat to someone about your faith. Pray it through, offer it up to God, maybe with a friend.

If you find yourself discouraged pray about it with someone.

There will be times we're tired, discouraged, struggling, the devil will attack us every way he can, but even in our weakness God is strong, even when we are faithless, God is faithful.

And God said, "I will be with you."

Why not put on some worship music one evening and cry out before God for his awesome life changing Spirit to flood this campus.

Maybe take a walk around campus, or whilst on your way back home from a lecture why not stop, look around and offer up a prayer.

Pray short prayers, pray long prayers, pray aloud, pray in silence, pray through scripture, pray in your own words.

And God said, "I will be with you."

If He is with us, who can be against us?

Lets be offering up this whole week to God, now, tomorrow, every day till the mission and everyday during it. Lets also pray for those who have heard the gospel long after the mission has finished.

Lets praise God too– we pray he will do many great things on our campus and as we depend on him for everything we must also praise him and delight in him for everything. Giving God the glory he deserves!

With that in mind we'll be having a prayer and praise on 16th Feb in the ballroom at 11am. To praise God for what he's done in the week so far, to share encouragements and to pray that God will continue to work in the lives of the lost students at this university, at the evening meeting on the 16th, in the coming days, weeks, months and years. Please bring food to share for lunch.

PRAYER DIARY

We know that we can't do anything without God's help, guidance and grace. To help us stay fixed on Him, we have a prayer diary for you to keep you going until identity!

17 Days to go....

That God will use this week to His glory!

16 Days to go....

That the CU will be excited for this week!

15 Days to go....

For Lee McMunn our main speaker and for our CUGs

14 Days to go....

That God will be preparing the hearts of the students in Nottingham

13 Days to go....

That the mission week team will have peace and keep their eyes fixed on God

12 Days to go....

For chances to witness to our friends and neighbours

11 Days to go....

For the Gospel drop

10 Days to go....

For the lunchbar talks

SERVING

PA

As Romans 10:17 says, "faith comes from hearing the message ". If non Christians come to events and the gospel is faithfully preached but they can't hear it then we're failing in our work. The PA system is very important and takes a lot of work. You don't need to have experience to help out- most of it is just moving stuff around, setting up stands etc.

Atrium café manning (Mon-Fri 10-4pm)

To encourage people to stick around in the Atrium and talk about the gospel, we've got a café. It needs people to man it.

Lunchbar Prep (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

We need people to set out lots of chairs before Lunchbar, and down afterwards. We need stewards to ensure lots of people can get in easily to hear the message of good news. We also need a few hands to help with the lunchbars at the Rose and Crown.

Evening meetings

We need stewards, people to help with set up and set down.

Evening meeting café

We need people to help man the café that will be open during the evening events. This includes people to help waiter .

Atrium

Lots of stuff needs setting up each day before 10am, and setting down at 4pm. Please do pop in and lend a hand.

Flyering

Flyers are a great way to let people know the events happening that day, flyering will be needed throughout the week , including on derby road leading up to the lunch bars at the rose and crown.

Most importantly you can serve the mission week by praying for it, bringing friends along and chatting about the gospel!!!

An online rota will soon be up and running on www.nucu.org so please do pray through how you can best serve during the week.

Identity Talk Titles

Lunch Talks

Identity: Who are we?

Monday	Are we alone in the universe?
Tuesday	Is sex the ultimate experience? (R&C - The story of Jesus' resurrection is it a legend or a hoax?)
Thursday	If God is good, why do we suffer? (R&C- Don't all religions lead to God eventually?)
Friday	Is there life after death?

The big question posed by the lunchbars is "Who are we?"
This will be answered by looking at the other questions.
These focus on the big questions of personal identity, "Where do we come from?",
"Where can we find lasting pleasure?", "Why do we suffer?" and "Where are we going?"

Evening Talks

Identity: Who is Jesus?

Tuesday	The God who made us John 1
Wednesday	The God who satisfies us John 6
Thursday	The God who comforts us John 11
Friday	The God who rescues us John 1&19
Saturday	The God who offends us John 14

9 Days to go....
For the hall events

8 Days to go....
For the departmental events

7 Days to go....
For the launch event happening tonight

6 Days to go....
For the pamper day

5 Days to go....
For the evening meetings

4 Days to go....
For the cafe

3 Days to go....
For the International students

2 Days to go
For miracles in the university!

1 Day to go....
For God to shine through EVERYTHING that happens in this week!

Now it is....
MISSION WEEK!

MISSION WEEK PRAYER

Mon 11th

For God's blessing and grace to be present in everything that happens
For courage in the CU to be open about our faith
For the hall and off-campus events that God will be present, and that we will honour Him in these

Tues 12th

For the chance to make friends with people in halls
For opportunities to open up for talks
For the Rose and Crown lunchbar – that people will use this opportunity to find out more!
For the pamper afternoon – that people will see and hear of God's love

Wed 13th

For God's strength to sustain the CU
For the lunchbars, that people's minds will be opened to the Good News
For the departmental events

sic, testimonies and an evangelistic talk from Lee. There will be time afterwards to hang around and hopefully have conversations with anyone who wants to find out more.

These events are where the gospel will be explained in the most depth and so are great to invite people to, so as to allow the Spirit to work through the message and transform lives!

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

Running in different departmental events around the campus, these could be lunchbars, coffee mornings, first contact, grill a Christian or anything else! If you want to get involved but don't know how email me on evangelism@nucu.org and I can put you in contact with the person in your department heading up the event.

FIRST CONTACT

This will be running all over campus, whenever people want to get involved! It will be talking to complete strangers, asking questions about their beliefs, and hopefully giving you the chance to talk about the faith we have in Jesus Christ.

WORLD VIEW SURVEYS

These are a form of a questionnaire that open up discussions depending on people's world views and easily facilitate gospel conversations. World view surveys will be taking place out from the café during the week, so why not come along and have a go!

HALL EVENTS

Running in each hall on the Monday night, there will be cheese toasty nights, grill a Christian, open mic nights, quizzes, etc etc. Ask your nine20 leaders what's happening!

OFF CAMPUS EVENING EVENT

On the Monday night at 8pm there will be a pub quiz in the Grove pub in Lenton and a talk addressing "How do we know what God is like?"

LAUNCH EVENT

On the 4th February at dogma there will be an Identity launch event with music, testimonies and a chance to chat about the gospel with friends and introduce the week to students at Nottingham.

CIS (CHRISTIANS IN SPORT) EVENT

CIS will also be putting on an event on the Thursday of mission week so listen out for more details of that.

EVENTS EXPLAINED

GOSPEL DROP

Before Identity starts, copies of John's gospel will be given out to every first year in the university. This comes to about 8000 students! However, there are plenty spare, so please take a few (from the chapel or Atrium), for anyone you might happen to meet who wants to find out more!

This is a really exciting opportunity to get the word of God into the rooms, hands and we pray, the hearts of thousands of students at Nottingham University. To get all these gospels delivered to people in halls will take a lot of hard work and nine20 groups in halls will be heading the delivery process up however if you're no longer in halls but would like to help with the distribution please do email me on evangelism@nucu.org.

LUNCHBARS

There will be 2 or 3 lunchbars everyday. These are in the Atrium in the Portland, and in the Rose & Crown pub in Lenton. There is a free lunch provided, and a 15-20 minute talk from Lee, (or Sean Clokey & Andy Magowan in the Rose and Crown) with a chance for questions afterwards. These are great events to invite friends to, that we pray will help to break down barriers to the gospel and challenge people to further investigate the message of Jesus.

MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

Getting our armour on for the day! Prayer is essential in mission, so these prayer meetings each morning are another chance for us all to come before God once again with thanksgiving, requests, and to give us some extra time to talk to our Creator! If you're in halls your nine20 group will be meeting each day and if you're off campus housegroups will similarly be meeting to pray each morning. Even if you don't usually attend a small group please do feel free to join them in prayer for the week.

PAMPER DAY

This is primarily for female international students. There will be chocolate fountains, foot spas, henna, manicures and of course, milkshakes! Leah Ryan will be giving a short talk (location TBC).

CAFÉ

This will be running everyday in the Atrium– open for anyone and everyone to come and hang out, and get a drink from the wonderful café. An ideal place to bring anyone along who wants to chat or ask some questions.

EVENING MEETINGS

These are in the Ballroom. There will be a café running, some dance, drama, mu-

Thurs 14th

For First contact

For the Rose and Crown lunchbar– that people will get excited about their Creator!

For the evening meetings, that people will be thinking about what is shared

Fri 15th

For more and more opportunities to share the gospel

For the Christian Union to stay focussed

For those who have not yet made it to an event

Sat 16th

For those who have accepted God's grace in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

For the word of God to be growing in people's minds and hearts

For God's protection on His children

Here's the weekly plan in terms of talks, evange events and prayer and praise . Please note the café is running each day and prayer meetings are happening in the mornings. There is space for you to write in slots where you have signed up on the rota such as for Lunchbar prep, café manning, flyering etc (and to put in other events such as the CIS event).

	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th
7-8am						
8-9am						
9-10am						
10-11am			Departmental events will take place during the day			
11am-12pm						PRAYER AND PRAISE
12-1pm	Lunchbar : Are we alone in the universe? (ATRIUM)	Lunchbar: Is sex the ultimate experience? (ATRIUM)		Lunchbar: If God is good, why do we suffer? (ATRIUM)	Lunchbar: Is there life after death? (ATRIUM)	(PORTLAND BALLROOM)
1-2pm	Lunchbar : Are we alone in the universe? (ATRIUM)	Lunchbar: Is sex the ultimate experience? (ATRIUM) Lunchbar: The story of Jesus' resurrection is it a legend or a hoax? (ROSE AND CROWN)	Note café will still be open all day.	Lunchbar: If God is good, why do we suffer? (ATRIUM) Lunchbar: Don't all religions lead to God eventually? (ROSE AND CROWN)	Lunchbar: Is there life after death? (ATRIUM)	
2-3pm						
3-4pm		Pamper afternoon (LOCATION TBC)				
4-5pm						
5-6pm						
6-7pm	HALL events (ask your nine20 leaders) and off campus pub quiz event starting at 8pm:					
7-8pm	'How do we know what God is like?' (GROVE PUB)	Evening meeting (starts at 7.30pm)	Evening meeting (starts at 7.30pm)	Evening meeting (starts at 7.30pm)	Evening meeting (starts at 7.30pm)	Evening meeting (starts at 7.30pm)
8-9pm		THE GOD WHO MADE US	THE GOD WHO SATISFIES US	THE GOD WHO COMFORTS US	THE GOD WHO RESCUES US	THE GOD WHO OFFENDS US
9-10pm		(PORTLAND BALLROOM)	(PORTLAND BALLROOM)	(PORTLAND BALLROOM)	(PORTLAND BALLROOM)	(PORTLAND BALLROOM)