

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you're well. I'm just writing to tell you about what happened in our events week recently, and share with you some encouragements, praise points and prayer points.



What happened?

The CU raised a marquee right in the centre of our campus and hosted lots of evangelistic events and opened a café between events. Everyday there was a lunch-bar (food with an apologetics talk), these covered the following questions: 'Are humans more than animals?', 'Can science explain everything?', 'Is there any meaning in my pain?', 'Has being more connected made us any less lonely?' and 'Can we ever hope to know spiritual truth'. There was time for discussions during and after each lunch-bar in which good conversations were had.

Next came the international events, these started off with a game and snacks, a time to get to know each other, which was then followed by a talk and discussions. The talks were centred around the titles: 'Does my life have meaning?', 'Will I ever be good enough?', 'What is my purpose?' and 'Where can I find hope?'.

Finally, to conclude the day there came the evening events. On the Monday we ran 'holla a houseplant' and 'dial a doughnut'. This is where people text in their questions about Christianity and some members of the CU deliver a houseplant/doughnut to their door and answer their questions. We had 25 questions in total, people were asking really good questions such as: 'What makes you believe this religion is the right one and none of the others?' and 'Why is it fair that sinful people get forgiven so easily?'.

In the evenings from Tuesday to Friday, dinner was provided, with musicians performing and then an evangelistic talk relating to the theme Known: 'The God who makes Himself known', 'The God who knows shame', 'The God who knows pain' and 'The God who knows you'.

Encouragements

- Approximately 2000 people in total heard the gospel during the course of the week
- 38 people responded saying that they wanted to meet up with members of the CU to chat or read Uncover Mark
- 72 people expressed interest in finding out more about future CU events

Praise Points

- Praise God that so many people on our campus got to hear the good news of the Gospel
- Praise God for all of the fruitful conversations that occurred during the week, and are continuing through follow up
- Pray thanks to God for supplying us with everything we needed to run the events
- Praise God for the hard work of the speakers, organisers and people who were involved in the week.

Prayer Points

- Pray for all those that attended an event, pray that they would be awestruck by the fact that God knows them and loves them and commit their lives to him
- Pray for the follow up events, pray that people would attend, and that God would save people
- Pray for those who wanted to meet up to chat or read Uncover Mark, pray that their eyes would be opened to the truth

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support!

With love in Christ,

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On behalf of the University of Birmingham Christian Union

