

## One to One Bible Reading – Session 3

Session 1 – What and Why?

Session 2 – Who and How part 1

**Session 3 – How part 2**

Session 4 – Q & A

### What is One-to-One Bible reading?

The prayerful reading of the bible, alongside someone else, for the loving purpose that they might know Jesus better as Lord and Saviour just as I grow in my relationship with Jesus.

### Why One-to-One Bible reading?

The Spirit of God takes the Word of God and applies it to the People of God through the People of God

### Who is One-to-One Bible Reading for?

Everyone

### Introducing “Uncover” John

Uncover Explained (<https://vimeo.com/887491631/b23f5f8430>)

Uncover Stories (<https://vimeo.com/888557153/e39bf92a38>)

The historical reliability of John’s Gospel (<https://vimeo.com/888570289/1e4cb3c1c4>)

Testimony of coming to Jesus through Uncover (<https://vimeo.com/868601459/f043c2ec4a>)

### 6 steps for using “Uncover” John

<https://meetjesus.au/wp-content/uploads/6-steps-to-using-Uncover.pdf>

### Uncover.org.au

Read – the 6 suggested passages from John

Ask – passages from John to respond to common questions

Respond – how to become a follower of Jesus

**What do you think would be the advantage of using “Uncover” John as compared with printing out the specific passage on a handout or using a Bible?**

# MEET JESUS

## 6 steps for using Uncover

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

# 6 steps to using Uncover

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

## Methods of Reading the Bible

COMA Method	5Rs of Uncover
<b>Context</b> What type of writing is this? Where does it fit in the bible?	<b>(Recap)</b> What came before?
<b>Observation</b> Who are the characters? What are the main sections? What are the repeated words? What are the themes? What are the main points?	<b>Retell</b> Retell the narrative (briefly) Note anything unclear  <b>React</b> How do people react to Jesus?  <b>Reveal</b> What is revealed about Jesus? (Through words or actions)
<b>Meaning</b> What does this passage say about Jesus? What does this passage say about God? What does it say about us?	<b>Reason</b> What reason might John have for including this event?
<b>Application</b> How does this passage challenge my understanding? What do I need to change?	<b>Respond</b> What does this teach us about how to respond to Jesus?

**What do you think are the advantages or disadvantages of each method of reading the bible?**

### How? – Before the First Meeting

1. Pray
2. Invite

“Would you be interested in reading the bible with me for 6 weeks? I thought it would give us a chance to get to know God’s word together”

Give them a copy on Uncover if you think it’s helpful for them to have a copy of it before deciding.

### Explain Uncover

It's one of the 66 books of the Bible and one of the 4 gospels about Jesus  
The reason to study the Bible is it's the best way to "uncover" the truth about Jesus  
Jesus is the most influential person in history and the Bible the most influential book  
It's their copy and they can mark it  
It has some notes written in it to help  
It has a simple method of reading the bible provided called the 5Rs

### Explain how it will work

That you will pray briefly at the start (optional – see below)  
That you will meet for 6 weeks and then review (give them and yourself an out)  
That you will read a short section of the bible and then discuss it together  
That it will take between 30-60 minutes (decide on how. Much time)  
Then you will pray briefly at the end`

### 3. Plan a time and place to meet

	Pros	Cons
<b>Café or other public place</b>		
<b>Home</b>		
<b>Office</b>		
<b>Online</b>		

### 4. Preparation (should it be done?)

#### Option 1 - Both of us pre-read the passage beforehand

Pro – spend more time discussing and may have more in-depth discussions if time is short

#### Option 2 - Neither of us read the passage until we meet

Pro – We are both learners together

Con – May take longer and discussion might not be as in-depth

#### Option 3 - I prepare but they don't

Pro – I don't feel as daunted when they ask questions I've prepared for

Con – I assume the role of the teacher or the more knowledgeable one as opposed to a fellow learner

## 5. First Meeting

- a. Pray an arrow prayer by yourself just before meeting
- b. Pray with the person (optional - it depends on their background and where you meet)
- c. You might want to have some time of catching up before reading the bible but be aware that this might take longer than expected. Otherwise you might do the bible reading first and then spend time afterwards catching up.
- d. Don't be shy about the gear shift to bible reading as they will expect you to do it
- e. Read through the passage once (out loud)
- f. Read the passage again quietly on your own working through the 5Rs
- g. Share with each other what you wrote down
- h. If they have additional questions you are not sure you can answer then write them down
- i. Pray to finish
- j. Confirm details for the next meeting

## 6. How should I handle questions?

- If you anticipate questions and prepare answers beforehand then you will feel less stressed but you might be perceived as the "expert"
- If you note down questions as you go, and then go away to find answers then you will both be co-learners.
- GotQuestions.org is a helpful site for short, biblically based answers that are accessible to someone who is not a bible scholar.

## Let's try the 5Rs

### John 15:1-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**Retell**

**React**

**Reveal**

**Reason**

**Respond**

### For homework:

- Keep praying for 2 friends for 2 mins everyday
- Invite one friend to read Uncover John with you
- Practice the 5Rs with a passage from Uncover John (either one of the 6 passages or another passage like: John 10:1-21, John 13:1-17, John 15:1-17)