



CAMPUS FILM SERIES · EPISODE 01

# WELCOME TO CAMPUS



**‘EVEN IN AN UNCOMFORTABLE,  
UNFAMILIAR PLACE, JESUS IS  
WITH YOU.’**

***Luke 8:22–25***

*“One day Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side of the lake.’ So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.*

*“The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Master, Master, we’re going to drown!’*

*“He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ‘Where is your faith?’ he asked his disciples.*

*“In fear and amazement they asked one another, ‘Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.’”*

# KEY IDEAS

*What most stood out to you from the video? These quotes might help jog your memory...*

*“Even in an uncomfortable, unfamiliar place, Jesus is with you.”*

*“In a season where you have the opportunity to re-invent yourself, don’t forget that you have a choice.”*

*“Be ready for Jesus’ question: ‘Where is your faith?’”*

# DISCUSSION

*Take some time to grapple with the big ideas being presented in the video, whether in your small group or just with a collection of friends. It's not about trying to give the 'right' answer or win an argument, but becoming aware of what both you and others think and feel, and working out what God might be putting his finger on in your lives. Take your time and don't feel like you need to get through them all.*

## **Theme 1:** **NEW CONTEXTS**

What previously 'permanent' things have changed for you recently? How have you found that?

Up till this point in your life, how much choice do you think you have had in the kind of person you are? Has that affected how you have approached life as a student?

People often talk about university being a place where you can 'be anything', even completely re-inventing yourself if you wish. Do you think that's true? How do you feel about it if it is? And what has your experience been of defining your identity so far during your time as a student. What factors have contributed to it?

## **Theme 2:** **KEY BATTLEGROUND**

Consider the three key battlegrounds mentioned (freedom / access to resources / relationships):

- What most concerns you about these three areas?
- What most excites you about them?
- Where do you need to grow in them, and what help might you need to achieve that?

How do you use 'freedom' when you have it? i.e. no restrictions/oversight/no one telling you what to do. How have you tended to respond in those situations? Has that changed now you're at uni?

How do you think the Christian vision of freedom differs from other ideas of what freedom might be? Is that *good news*?

## **Theme 3:** **FAITH**

Jesus asks us about our faith. What even is faith? What does that word mean to you?

Finally, in this season of life, what do you think it means to put your faith in Jesus (as opposed to 'the wind and the waves')?

# PRAYER

*“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.*

*“You know when I sit down or stand up.*

*“You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.*

*“You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.*

*“You know everything I do.*

*“You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.*

*“You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.*

*“Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!”*

# ACTIVATION

*Having gone deeper into the context, it's now now time to ask 'so what?' How is any of this going to effect personal change?*

*Here are some prompts and suggestions that should help you take the first steps, but feel free to get adventurous as you consider what God is asking of you in your journey with him.*

**Activity 1:**  
**WHO ARE YOU?**

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Write a list of words that describe the kind of person you would like to be.

Circle the three that you find most challenging/furthest from your current experience.

Think through how you could grow in those areas (what would success look like?) and discuss with a friend what help you might need.

**Activity 2: PICK UP, PUT DOWN, THROW AWAY**

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Consider your life as it looks currently. How you do spend your time? Who are you with? What are you working towards? After some reflection, answer these questions:

- What one thing would you like to 'pick up'? It could be doing something for the first time like joining a society. Or perhaps a behaviour to add in to your daily routine.
- What one thing do you need to 'put down' for a season? Sometimes the good things can be the enemies of the best. Are there any parts of your life that you need to lay down for a while to help you concentrate on what really matters?
- What one thing do you need to 'throw away' for good? Perhaps an unhealthy attitude or habit, or maybe an negative relationship.

What needs to happen to see these answers become a reality?

**Activity 3:**  
**CORE VALUES**

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A core value is "a decision, made in advance, about who you want to be that is given permission to determine your course of action in any given situation."

So why not practice making some of those "advanced decisions"! Try this (we'd recommend writing it all down):

1. Think of a situation that you might encounter this week (e.g. dinner with friends, a seminar)
2. What options will the situation present? What decisions will you have to make?
3. Imagine the situation has already happened, and you're watching it back on video. What kind of person do you want to see?
4. What do you think might stop you showing up like that?
5. What core value(s) do your answers suggest you might have? Are you happy with them?
6. Go back over everything with Jesus in prayer. What is he is saying to you? What questions is he asking?