



CAMPUS FILM SERIES · EPISODE 05

# BE AN AMBASSADOR

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NOW HAS BECOME YOUR MISSION FIELD.’**

**2 Corinthians 5:17–20**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: be reconciled to God.”*

# KEY IDEAS

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

*“When Jesus comes to be with us, everything changes. He is more real than the chair you’re sitting on.”*

*“We’re no longer citizens of earth but citizens of heaven. Where you are right now has become your mission field.”*

*“Seeing yourself as God’s ambassador to your university has the potential to change every interaction you have.”*

# 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: LOCKED DOORS**

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Read John 20. What parallels can you draw between the disciples in the upper room and being a Christian at university? How does Jesus meet us in the same way today as he did then?

Do you feel like anything is holding you back from going public with your faith? Can you think of any experiences or beliefs that might have contributed to that?

Do you have any stories of Jesus setting you free? Share with others what that was like and how life changed for you.

## **Theme 2: A NEW IDENTITY**

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Why is the idea of identity such an important starting point for this conversation about being an ambassador?

Much of our identity takes root through the story we tell ourselves about who we are. How much does what God say about who you are make it in to the story you are telling yourself? Are there any things that the bible says about you that you just find unbelievable?

Discuss the different aspects of being an ambassador. Which ones do you find it easier/harder to relate to? Why is that?

## **Theme 3: RESIDING AND REPRESENTING**

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What does it look like for you to be a 'resident' at university? How does that posture differ from someone who is merely passing through?

Are there any elements of the culture of university that you need to learn more about/be more present in? How does the life of Jesus help us navigate any tension we might feel about this?

How would you describe your relationships with people outside of your church or Christian society? What would it be like if all your friend groups were with you in the same room at the same time?

Where do you need to increase your sense of ownership/responsibility for your university. For both the positive and negative aspects of life there. What changes do you think you could make with how you engage with life there?

# PRAYER

*“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power*

*or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.”*

**PAUL IN EPHESIANS 1**

# 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:**  
**ACTION PLAN**

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Much of what you will have already discussed has been very practical. Reflect on this, and set three goals for how you would like to grow as an ambassador: short term (this week), medium term (this term), long term (this week). Discuss with a friend and pray for each other.

**Activity 2:**  
**TAKE THE TEMPERATURE**

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Consider where you find yourself and choose a 'sphere of influence' to focus on. It could be the city you live in, or your university as a whole. Or perhaps your course, a society, your halls. Write down everything you can think of that characterises that place - positive and negative. Now take some time to pray: thank God for all the good you see, and cry out to him for where you want him to intervene. Consider what it might look like for those prayers to flow into action.

**Activity 3:**  
**THE COURAGE QUEST**

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Have a go at taking your faith public! You could start as simply as walking round your campus and praying as God leads you. (We find prayer walks always tend to work best in groups of two).

Next, commit some time (even just 45mins-hour) to intentionally engaging people in conversation about Jesus. If you need some direction, on the next page we've included a fun activity you can use called 'The Courage Quest' – but it can be as straightforward as just asking someone if you can pray for them.

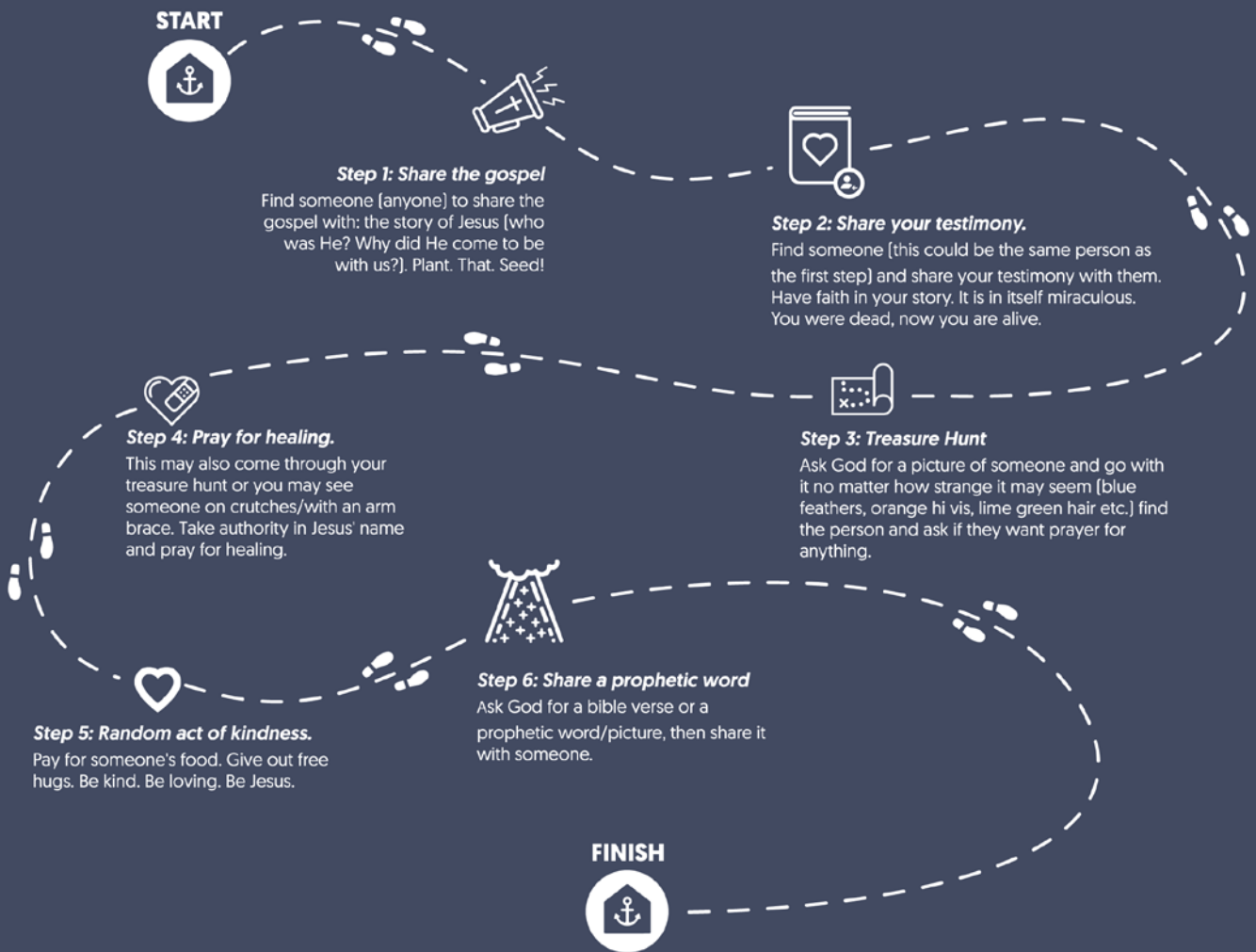
Do it in groups of 2/3 and celebrate taking the risk of stepping out, regardless of how people respond.

# THE COURAGE QUEST

At the heart of adventure is risk, and so often we allow fear to be the biggest voice in our life and miss out on some amazing opportunities to see God move. But the powerful truth is that God is with us and, because of that, we can have the courage to live a life of outrageous faith.

So today, you're invited to be adventurous, a risk-taker and to live with outrageous faith. The courage quest map is simply a tool to help you get started, but be actively listening to God and follow Him where He leads. Now, within this hour you're going to be taking some brave steps - but just take it one step at a time. Let's walk in Jesus' courageous footsteps and follow His example.

You have one hour to complete as many of the activations as possible, about 10 minutes each, stay together as a team and if you are not speaking to someone, be praying for your teammate who is.



Well done! You did it! No matter how well you think you did, you were obedient, you stepped out, you walked with Jesus. And that's enough.