

Southampton University Christian Union Vision

Our Mission:

To glorify God in Jesus Christ, by uniting people in a love for him and by sharing his love with others, so that they may know and love him too.

Our Method

By challenging each other to live our lives more and more for Jesus, and by being united with others, using our common gifts and passions to glorify his name.

What's new in 2007-2008?

This year we are launching a new structure for the Christian Union, so that we can better achieve this vision.

The Problem

- It can be difficult to do this well as a large CU; we can quickly become congregational and ineffective.
- It is difficult for people to get involved, and they end up feeling alienated, with their ideas not being used.
- There is little opportunity to enable members to use their own God given gifts: "one size doesn't fit all".

The Solution: Teams!

- Taking the focus off the main meetings, by breaking the CU down into smaller teams, with individual ministries to actually get stuff done!
- Teams provide a great way to get to know people, and enables easy sharing of ideas.
- They can be targeted towards people's various gifts, so that everyone can contribute, and glorify God using the gifts he's given us.

Teams include...

Planning Events, Publicity, Web Team, Sound team, Creativity, Testimonies, Evangelistic Preaching, Apologetics, Prayer Ministry, Intercessory Prayer, Cold Contact Evangelism, Power and Prophetic Evangelism, Welcome Team, Catering, Drama, Serving the Uni, Hospitality, Fundraising for Charities, Worship leading, International Café.



So why that Mission?

Here are a few ways to think about why we do, what we do.

Sharing the love

- The meaning of all life is to know and love God [John 17:3, Matt 22:37].
- If we truly love him, we will express that love; we will obey his commands [John 14:15], and will love all those he loves [Matt 5:44].
- Jesus also commands us to "Love our neighbour as ourselves" [Matt 22:39], having the same love and compassion for the lost and broken, that he showed on the cross [1 John 3:16].
- Therefore he calls us to take up our cross and follow him, in his example [Matt 10:38], living lives as radical disciples, **introducing others to him so that they may know him and love him too.**

Saving sinners

- "All have sinned [rebelled against God] and fallen short of the glory of God" [Rom 3:23].
- This rebellion against God, against the most precious being, is the most serious of all crimes and so the just punishment is terrible.
- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." [John 3:16]
- When Jesus, the Christ, died on the cross he took the punishment for this rebellion, and so whoever puts their faith in him is forgiven, and adopted as a child of God! [1 John 3:1]
- Therefore we must **tell people about him, so that they can put their trust in him, and be saved.**

Advancing the Kingdom

- Jesus came to proclaim "the good news of the kingdom", that Gods Kingdom on earth is coming, and has now begun to come.
- He preached this [Matt 4:17], and demonstrated this [Matt 4:23-25], showing that he is the King by conquering sin and death, through his death and resurrection.
- He teaches us to pray "your kingdom come" [Luke 11:2], asking God to extend his Kingdom into this world, heaven breaking through on earth, transforming peoples hearts and minds [Luke 17:20-21].
- He now commands us to continue this ministry [Acts 1:6-8, Matt 28:18-20], letting him be King of our lives, and being his ambassadors [2 Cor 5:20], **preaching and demonstrating that the Kingdom has come [Luke 10:8]; that he is the King.**

Vision for 2007/2008
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