

## Christian Union Independent Study Resources Alternative provision to inter-year CU meetings

### Introduction for Students

Dear Student,

Though CUs are not able to meet for the time being we are really excited to be able to provide you with this resource so that you can keep meeting in school, studying the Bible, praying and encouraging each other in faith.

How does it work?

Organise to meet up with other CU friends in your year group during a lunch break. We suggest that you meet on the **same day that your** CU used to meet as you are already in the habit of doing this, so it is easy to remember.

The night before you meet, don't forget to print off the study plan.

At lunchtime, meet at your agreed space. Make sure you follow whatever social distancing guidelines required by school.

Always keep in mind the Group Rules:

- Be kind and sensitive to one another. People have different backgrounds, different beliefs, different rates of learning.
- Always talk politely and respectfully. Ask questions, as well as telling everyone what you think.
- To respect one another does not mean you have to agree, but you can agree do disagree politely.
- Make sure everyone feels included. No one *has* to say anything, but if one person is saying everything make sure more people have a chance to take part. For example, share out the reading, take turns asking the questions etc.

Read through the study together. You can read out loud, discuss and answer the questions, make notes ... make sure everyone gets a chance to say something if they want to!

Really importantly don't forget to share what you can pray for each other. And then finish by praying for each other. You can use the prayer that is given in the study if you want to.

Have fun!

Remember, this is a time to encourage each other to know Jesus more ... whether you've never really read the Bible or are often reading it, there is always something new you can learn and encourage one another with.

If you have any questions from the study time:

You can submit any questions or comments you have to us at Oxford Schools Chaplaincy using the Google Form. Then check out the Q&A page on the website for answers, comments or useful extras.

You can chat with a trusted adult – church youth workers are great people to ask tricky questions to!

We will be praying for you!