



# HELP... I'm a CU Leader!

## Being a Godly leader.

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." Matt 20:28

...Can I hack the responsibility!?

...Surely there must be someone who could do a better job!?

...Is this how I should be spending my time??

...Am I spiritual enough!?

...What kind of example would I be to a younger Christian!?

...Can I sign the doctrinal basis of faith??

Finally, with me in leadership we're going to see revival in College for sure!!!

What's the point of CU anyway, it's not like 3 people can change things!?

...Can I gear up a group of students to love Jesus more and am I really brave enough to do outreach through CU!???

... These are just some of the questions that race through a student's mind when they are faced with CU leadership. As you are reading this resource, you've probably been asked to take over CU leadership in the new term, or you're already helping to lead CU.

To some, it may be a dream come true, others feel that they are the most brilliant CU leader to have walked the earth while to others, the thought of CU leadership brings about a sick feeling with a side plate of "GET ME OUT OF THIS SITUATION" with a hint of "ME???" I'm not good enough!"

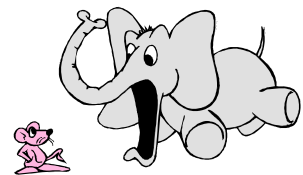
HOLD IT! – wherever you're at, let's look at what God has to say about all this.

## Who does God use!?

"... <sup>27</sup>But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup>He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one may boast before him... I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>31</sup>I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power."

(1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5)

- If you are thinking "I'm not good enough to be a CU leader... I'm so weak! What could I do!?" - How do these verses encourage you?
- Paul was one of the most powerful missionaries in the early Church, God used him to take and preach the Gospel to Gentiles spread all over the Roman empire - How does he say he felt about his ministry and abilities as he arrived in Corinth? ...Do you get the message?!
- God sometimes calls us out of our comfort zone – but it is a wonderful privilege that He loves to use a weak lot like us for HIS glory! "So that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." This way, we get to see God at work in us. Even if there are only 2 of you in CU - God loves to use us weaklings.



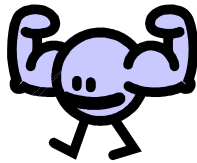
Check out this list...God's definitely in the business of using the weak and foolish: Moses stuttered, Timothy had ulcers, Jacob was a liar, David had an affair, Abraham was too old, Thomas doubted, Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal, Elijah was burnt out, Martha was a worrier, Noah got drunk, Paul was a murderer, Jonah ran from God! (...The list goes on) - Taken from Scripture Union

## How should we lead!?

The world around us screams what a leader should be: strong and powerful, someone who says 'jump' – and everyone jumps! The New Testament however, turns this perspective upside down with the recurring theme that a real leader is one that leads with service and humility...Jesus said:

*"You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them...Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*  
(Mark 10:42-45)

- A Christian Union leader is not to mirror the world but Jesus, who lovingly laid down His life for others. –If a CU leader follows Jesus example, what sort of leader would he/she be?
- Sometimes it might mean being realistic about ourselves! Being great in God's eyes is being a servant. If we think we are the best thing ever to happen to CU – we need to ask for God's help to be humble as we seek HIS glory in CU rather than ours.



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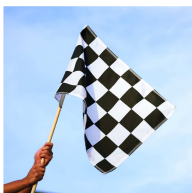


## Setting an example!?

*"..Prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do."*

(1 Peter 1:13-15)

- Christian Unions up and down the country have two main aims:
  - I. To grow together in Christ - maturity
  - II. To share the awesome good news of Jesus with students at College - mission!
- Therefore, a CU leader should be someone who wants to be maturing in Christ, and someone 'whose hope is fully on the grace to be given' whilst helping others to do the same.
  - In class, with your coursework, with mates, at parties, back at home, in your relationships. CU leaders need to strive to live for Jesus in every area of their lives and encourage and help the whole of CU to love Him more and live as His obedient children! Live like the one who called you!



*"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes"*

(Romans 1:16)

- A CU leader needs to care deeply that many fellow students and friends don't know God as their father and friend yet – CU timetables need to include times of Mission where they'll get the opportunity to hear the gospel... remember: it's our job to tell but it is God's power that works salvation \*PHEW!\* so do what you can!

The single most important weapon for CU leaders:

**PRAY**

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*"...To Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us."* (Eph 3:20)

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