

What Women Want

The Agapé team in Oxford think they know what women want . . .

This term, the team is piloting a three-week-long course with female students at one of the colleges at Oxford University. "This has come off the back of some really great 'girly' pamper evenings that we took part in last term," says team member Sarah Mullins. These evenings, designed to help beat the infamous Oxford "fifth-week-blues", included cakes, relaxation and great chats about Jesus and the gospel. "The new course, entitled 'What Women Want', will explore three themes that we've found to be particularly relevant to Oxford students: identity, success, and beauty and perfection," says Sarah. "We hope to give students the opportunity to share about and discuss these issues, with input from a Christian perspective. We're really excited about the potential to engage with girls on a deeper level, and the opportunities to share the freedom that Jesus offers!"

Apart from the course, at least one woman has responded to Christ in recent weeks. "One of our key disciples, Jenny, had the privilege of leading her friend to Christ - this was SO exciting, and we are praising God for her salvation!"

Early this month, the team will also be piloting another course at Oxford Brookes University, titled "Maximum Satisfaction", asking whether there is more to life than sex, and looking at what God offers us. "This is a relatively new venture for us, and we're really praying that it will connect with a currently unreached group of people at Brookes," says Sarah. "We've spent the last few days testing the ground at Brookes to ask students whether they'd be interested in coming, and have had an overwhelmingly positive response. We would really appreciate your prayers as we plan it and see it come to life!"