

What Is Alpha?

Ever wonder if there might be more to life than you are experiencing?

Are you questioning important issues about life and its ultimate purpose?

Wouldn't it be great if there were a place where you could explore the meaning of life and spirituality with other curious people?

No matter who you are, what you've experienced or where you've been, the Alpha course offers a respectful setting to explore life's most perplexing questions. In a safe, non-pressurized environment you will find meaningful dialogue about who God is and what his purpose for your life might just be.

The ten-week Alpha course is...

- filled with great meals;
- spiritual truth explained clearly so that meaningful faith can grow;
- thought-provoking discussion that welcomes all opinions & respects the pace of each participant;
- an opportunity to find genuine friendships; and
- a journey that engages both the head and the heart!

30 minutes for a meal. Guests begin the evening eating dinner together.

30 Minutes for a talk. The main talk of the session addresses a key issue relating to Christianity.

1 Hour for small group discussion and refreshments. Guests often find the small group discussion to be the most valuable and rewarding times of the whole course. The sessions are an opportunity to ask questions, express opinions and to discuss the topic of the evening or to just sit and listen to others.

WHO IS ALPHA FOR?

Everyone is welcome!

People attend from many different backgrounds, religions and viewpoints. They attend for a variety of reasons. Some want to investigate whether God exists and if there is any point to life; others are concerned about what happens after death. Still others may have attended church all their life, but feel they never really understood the basics of the Christian faith.

WHAT HAPPENS AT ALPHA?

The Alpha course consists of a series of talks addressing key issues related to the Christian faith.

Thursday Nights, GCC Social Hall: 6 – 8:15pm.

Sept. 10: Introduction Dinner:	Is there more to life than this?
Sept. 17: Week 1:	Who is Jesus?
Sept. 24: Week 2:	Why did Jesus die?
Oct. 1: Week 3:	How can we have faith?
Oct. 8: Week 4:	Why and how do I pray?
Oct. 15: Week 5:	Why and how should I read the Bible?
Oct. 22: Week 6:	How does God guide us?
Oct. 29: Week 7:	How can I resist evil?
Nov. 5: Week 8:	Why & how should we tell others?
Nov. 12: Week 9:	Does God heal today?
Nov. 13 - 15 Weekend:	Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?
Nov. 19: Week 10:	What about the church today?

For more information on Alpha visit www.alphausa.org

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