



Is there more to life
than this?

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THE ALPHA COURSE



explore the meaning of life

What's the point of **life**?

What happens when we **die**?

Is **forgiveness** possible?

What **relevance** does Jesus have for our lives today?

Sign up to attend the Alpha Intro Dinner August 30, 2009!

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FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

FAMILY PROGRAMS:

ADULT ALPHA - for parents/adults over age 18

YOUTH ALPHA - ages 14-18

(FREE...see details on the back)

What is Alpha?

More than eight million people all over the world have completed the *Alpha* course during the last twelve years in churches, homes, schools, universities and prisons.

- ◆ It is an **opportunity** for anyone to explore the Christian faith.
- ◆ It is **relaxed, non-threatening, low-key, friendly and fun!**
- ◆ It is **sharing a meal** together at the beginning of each session, giving guests the opportunity to get to know each other.
- ◆ Takes place over ten **thought-provoking** weekly sessions, and a Saturday retreat session.
- ◆ It is **offered by all the main Christian denominations**, including the Catholic church and many non-denominational churches.

Who is Alpha for?

Everyone is welcome to come to an *Alpha* course and people attend for a wide variety of reasons.

- ◆ Some are **curious** about Christianity.
- ◆ Many want to **investigate** whether God exists and if there is any point to life.
- ◆ Some are **concerned** about what happens after death.
- ◆ Many have attended church on and off all their lives, and **have questions** about their Christian faith.
- ◆ Christians who desire a “**faith tune-up**”
- ◆ **New Christians**

Topics/2009 Schedule

Aug 30 Intro Event

Sep 13 Who is Jesus?

Sep 20 Why Did He Die?

Sep 27 How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?

Oct 4 Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

Oct 11 Why and How Should I Pray?

Oct 18 How Does God Guide Us?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

How Can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

How Can I Resist Evil?

Nov 1 Why and How Should We Tell Others?

Nov 8 Does God Heal Today?

Nov 15 What About The Church?

Nov 22 How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Oct 24
Saturday
Retreat
Day

Typical Alpha Evening

Course typically runs on Sunday evening over 10 weeks and includes:

- ◆ We **share a meal together** and get to know each other.
- ◆ An **entertaining talk** is presented on DVD by Nicky Gumble from a Christian viewpoint about basic spiritual topics.
- ◆ **Small group discussions** after the talk allows everyone to discuss whatever questions, doubts, or issues they may have. This is an opportunity to share and learn together.
- ◆ You will also be invited to attend a **one day retreat** that takes place about half way through the course. For most people, this time away is the highlight of the course.
- ◆ **Evening sessions** run from 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm following the group discussions.