

Small Group Session - Alpha

This week we're taking a slight detour from the 'Take a Step' Initiative to focus on one of the brilliant tools God has given us as a church to share the Gospel with people which is Alpha.

Over the years we've run Alpha in various forms from big-budget courses for lots of people, to smaller groups of mums run by Coffee & Chaos or church members opening up their homes, Student-focused groups run in partnership with CU's or other churches, online courses in the COVID lockdowns to the Youth and Evening courses we're running from the Hub at the moment.

We've seen wonderful fruit from running Alpha: there are current and past staff members who got saved through our Alpha courses, as have some of those we've sent to plant churches, foreign students who've gone back to live for Jesus in their countries of origin, people from totally unchurched backgrounds who have given their lives to Jesus, and those who've been in church for many years, thought they were Christians but living faithless, joyless lives until they met with God properly on an Alpha course. Even the mature believers involved in running Alpha at City come away from every course with their faith strengthened by re-engaging with the evidence for Jesus' resurrection, returning to the basics of following Him, and experiencing the joy of helping others come to know him for the first time.

Because of this, we want to give everyone in the church the chance to experience a little taste of what Alpha is like, so

this week in your small groups we're encouraging you to do a week of the Alpha course.

The way Alpha runs is guests eat together, watch the video for the week, then discuss it so that's what we'd love you to do – eat together in your group if possible, watch the video on 'Why did Jesus die?', and discuss it.

[Watch video here](#)

Here are the questions we ask our Alpha guests on this week to get you started:

1. What does the word forgiveness mean to you?
2. Have you ever had to forgive anyone? How did you do it?
3. What does the word 'sin' mean to you?

But since most of the people in your group will be believers you could also ask:

4. What stood out to you from the video?
5. Is there anything you'd not considered before about Jesus' sacrifice?
6. How would you feel about bringing a friend along to an evening like this?

Lastly please pray for Alpha at City, the current course, the guests and team involved, and the ministry ongoingly, that God would use it to strengthen the faith of His people and see many more people saved and added.