



Discovering Godspace
9th April 2017
ALPHA SUNDAY!!



Overview

Today is the last in this Discovering Godspace series, and looks specifically at the Alpha course as a popular, effective and well thought out example of Godspace.



Getting to Know You


- What answers to prayer have you seen in the last week? Have you had some outreach opportunities you can share about?
- Watch the 3 minute video of a Canadian Pastor summing up the usefulness of Alpha: https://alphausa.org/blog/breaking-the-conversational-barrier?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Marketing%20-%20Mar%2023%20-%20Tribe%20Email&utm_content=Marketing%20-%20Mar%2023%20-%20Tribe%20Email+CID_01f266b4ada92f38d1ddb33a55e25a6e&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Alpha%20USA



Digging Deeper

- Which of these quotes from the video above strike you the most and why?:
 - *'Alpha provides this synergied environment where we're not going to dismiss experience, or doubt or critical thinking or scepticism. We're going to force it into a room and see if Jesus is who he really claims.'*
 - *'A lot of people want to talk about their faith but are not sure how. At Alpha I can bring my friend to a safe and thoughtful environment, and I don't have to do all the heavy lifting. You don't have to be the teacher; you get to journey with your friend while they're doing it.'*
 - *'Alpha forces me not to treat my friend like a project, but like a friend'*
 - *'You're going to need people with all kinds of gifts... One of the best by-products of Alpha is gift discovery.'*
 - *'In a post-christian culture, this is the kind of synergy you need.'*
- What do you make of these comments from the Sunday service?
 1. 'Many people have someone like an Uncle Norman who lives out his faith but doesn't talk about it. People see that as good. But the question I ask is - how did Uncle Norman find out about Christianity? Someone must have told him.'. Do you know someone like 'Uncle Norman'? What are your thoughts on this quote?
 2. Julia Immonen was the woman on the video who became a Christian and God led her to be involved in combatting the modern slave trade. How different her life became once she came to know God! What has God led you to since becoming a Christian? How different would your life look if God hadn't been part of it?
 3. Ugo Monye was the rugby player on the video who caused a media storm when he lifted up his shirt revealing a singlet with the words, 'Thankyou Jesus' after scoring a try. "I was so glad it became a topic. For me this has been my best news and I want the world to know about it. I love going to church, I love my God because this is what He's done for me. If you want to be part of it...". What do you like about this quote? In your job, what would be the equivalent of lifting up your shirt to reveal a singlet with 'Thankyou Jesus' on it?
 4. Do you have any thoughts on these two other key comments from the video:
 - ◆ "It's so important to tell others because it's giving people an opportunity to choose"
 - ◆ "God forgive me", he said, "I gave up teaching Sunday school years ago because I thought what I was doing was having no effect."

Taking it home

-  *“Speaking to inquiring non believers we often say ‘Come to church’, when we’d be better off saying ‘Come to Alpha’. Alpha is especially designed for the inquirer and goes systematically through key questions. It’s great to invite inquirers to church too; but it doesn’t start where they’re at.”* Who do you know who you could invite to Term two Alpha at MABC?

(Note : The Alpha Introductory night where you can bring a friend along and they can choose whether or not they want to do Alpha, is Wed May 10, 7pm. Dinner is free! The Alpha Course proper begins the Wednesday after.)

Prayer

- Please pray for the success of our term two Alpha Course! For many inquirers to come along and for many to discover faith in Christ.