

## **Alpha Discussion Questions**

### **Week 1: Is There More to Life Than This?**

1. What did you think or find interesting about today's message?
2. Did anything that was said in the message particularly speak to you or surprise you?
3. Have you spent time thinking about the meaning of life and/or your purpose here on Earth in relation to God? Have you come to any conclusions?
4. What is your biggest take away from the message?

### **Week 2: Who Is Jesus?**

1. Before you heard the message for today, what was your concept of Jesus?
2. Take an imaginary walk with me. We are walking on the main street in front of the church and we run into Jesus. We can ask him anything! What would you ask Him?
3. What is your biggest take away from the message?

### **Week 3: Why Did Jesus Die?**

1. Was there an illustration/story from the message that stood out to you?
2. What is your reaction to the crucifixion of Jesus?
3. What is the difference between the death of Jesus and the death of Socrates, one of the martyrs, or a war hero?
4. Do you feel that sin is an outdated concept or is it something you think about?
5. How do you respond to the word "sin" and the word "forgiveness?"
6. What else do we tend to put our trust in?
7. What is your biggest take away from the message?

## **Week 4: How Can I Have Faith?**

1. Was there an illustration/story from the message today that stood out to you?
2. Thinking about the portrait of Jesus and the door with no handle on Jesus' side, how do you feel/think about this?
3. What are your earliest memories or impressions of God?
4. The speaker talked about a 'relationship with God.' What does that suggest to you?
5. How would you characterize your relationship with God?
6. When it is said that Christianity will make a change in your character, how do you feel?
7. What is your biggest take away from the message?

## **Week 5: How and Why Do I Pray?**

1. Was there an illustration/story from the message that stood out to you?
2. Has anybody here ever tried praying? How did it go?
3. What interests or intrigues you the most about prayer?
4. Have you ever seen coincidences happen when you pray?
5. What thoughts do you have about the idea of God listening to your prayers?
6. In the talk, various reasons for praying are given. Which do you relate to and why?
7. What is your biggest take away from the message?

## **Week 6: Why and How Should I Read the Bible?**

1. Let's talk honestly about reading the Bible. Has anyone ever tried reading the Bible? How did it go?
2. What do you find difficult, if anything, about reading the Bible?
3. What do you find easy or helpful about reading the Bible?
4. What do you feel about the statement that the Bible is the "manual for life?"
5. Do you feel the Bible is more of a "love letter" or "rule book?"
6. Can you identify anything that keeps you from reading the Bible?
7. What is your biggest take away from today?

## **Week 7: How Does God Guide Us?**

1. Does anyone think they might have experienced God's guidance in the last few weeks?
2. How do you respond to the idea of god having a plan for you?
3. What are the ways that God speaks to people today? Have you experienced this?
4. What should we do if we believe we have made a mess of our lives?
5. What is your biggest take away from today?

## **Week 8: How Can I Resist Evil?**

1. Do you believe in the supernatural/black magic/ the occult?
2. Before today, did you have a concept of the devil? Has it changed?
3. Do you see the problems in the world as a result of people's actions, an evil power or something else?
4. Do you think a power of evil exists? Why or why not?
5. Why do you think the world is such a mess?
6. What is your biggest take away from today?

## **Week 9: Why and How Should We Tell Others?**

1. If you did not know anything about Christianity, how would you like to be told about it?
2. Do you have any friends or family members who are not Christians? Do you think they might like to know more about Christianity?
3. What do you think or feel about the idea of telling others about Christianity?
4. What is your biggest take away from today?

## **Week 10: Does God Heal Today?**

1. How did you think or feel about today's message?
2. What issues were raised for you by today's message?
3. What is your biggest take away from today?

## **Week 11: What About the Church?**

1. During the past 10 weeks we have covered a lot of aspects of the Christian life, and you've had a chance to experience some of what this means. How has God been working in your life during these past 10 weeks?
2. What is the most important thing that you will take away from the Alpha course?
3. One of the images from the talk today is that the church is God's family. What do you think your role or contribution could be to this family?
4. How has your view of the church either changed or been confirmed during these weeks?
5. Do you think a person can thrive as a Christian without attending church?