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WELCOME

We hope you find the team huddle notes helpful in preparing your hosts and helpers each week, whether your Alpha is meeting in person or online.

This guide is designed to give you ideas and relevant information to share with your team. We don't recommend utilizing this as a script, but rather a set of talking points.

If you are leading Alpha in person, you may want to ask the worship leader to prepare a song of worship for the prayer time. If you are doing Alpha online, you can screen share a song to help the team set their hearts on worship. YouTube has a great assortment of worship songs and videos that you can share during this time.

Plan for the team huddle to be roughly 20-30 minutes.

6-10 Minutes: Prayer

5 Minutes: Administration

10-15 Minutes: Small Group Coaching

If you are running your Alpha online, be sure to log in to MyAlpha and find this companion resource, Complete Guide to Alpha Online. You will find a list of other helpful links at the end of these notes.

We have created a separate pdf that includes icebreakers and discussion questions for your hosts and helpers. You can send it to your team in preparation for each week. Log in to MyAlpha "Materials" to find these host/helper notes.

The 30-minute video in MyAlpha on how to prepare for prayer can be found here. This is what you will use when training your whole team for the Alpha weekend.

We are praying for you,

The Alpha Team

PRAYER WITH THE TEAM

The session talk is "How does God guide us?"

Jerimiah 29:11 *"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"*

Pray that the guests begin to see how God has been guiding them.

P - Pause

Invite the Holy Spirit to come, wait in silence, and welcome his presence.

R - Rejoice

Thank God:

- For even more registrations for the Alpha weekend.
- For people who started reading the Bible this week.
- For the ways God has been guiding the guests and our team throughout Alpha.

A - Ask

Ask God for the guests:

- To have the courage to attend the Alpha weekend.
- For him to remove any obstacles preventing guests from attending the Alpha weekend.
- That every guest attending the Alpha weekend would form a lasting relationship with Jesus.
- For this session's discussion—that God would give assurance for those who are unsure about God's plan for their life.

Ask God for the team:

- To bless all the planning and logistics around the Alpha weekend.
- To specifically bless the team members who have been coordinating the Alpha weekend.
- For the Holy Spirit to move through the team, as they encourage the last guests to sign up.
- To give everyone strength, discernment, patience, and confidence in how he is moving through all of these efforts.

Y - Yield

Yield to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. When we ask, he will come and bless everyone.

Notes

ADMIN

IN-PERSON | ONLINE

- (In-person) Consider carpool arrangements for the Alpha weekend.
- Log in to MyAlpha and review the short training videos in the Learning Center that focus on leading prayer ministry.
- These videos could be a refresher on how to do prayer ministry for those who attended the prayer ministry training. Consider sharing the longer Prayer & The Weekend training video with those who couldn't attend the training.
- If you are using worship songs, continue to add one new song and repeat a song from a previous week.



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HOST AND HELPER NOTES



IN-PERSON



ONLINE

SMALL GROUP COACHING

BIG IDEA

This week we are looking at "How does God guide us?" Be attentive to the creative ways he has revealed his plan to your guests.

1. Just as we have done in the weeks before, we want to set the bar very low. Start with general questions about decision-making. Ask about big decisions they have made, then move the discussion to help them become more aware of how God may have been guiding them. The video does a great job of highlighting this, even if there is an acknowledgment that we all mess up at times. We can affirm God guiding us during the small group time.
2. People can share any way they want, but the idea of limiting it to the last few weeks helps to focus on what God has been doing during this Alpha.
3. Ask if anyone in your group has questions about the Alpha weekend. Encourage them that it is not too late to still come.
4. If anyone on the team has found God leading them through a difficult time, sharing your struggle can encourage conversation. Briefly share how you saw God guiding you.
5. The Alpha weekend is _____. Make sure a few of you share about your own experience. Let guests know that we'd love to have them join us, even if they can't be there for the whole time.
6. If you pray as a group, make sure one helper does not pray out loud, just in case one guest also does not pray out loud. This will help the guest to not feel alone.



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GROUP GOAL

For everyone to be able to attend the Alpha weekend.

PERSONAL GOAL

For guests to see that God has a plan for their life, and it is never too late to begin to follow him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker:

Have you ever gotten lost? What happened?

1. What did you think or feel about the talk?
2. Over the last few weeks, has anyone had a sense that God might be guiding them?
3. How do you feel about the idea of God having a plan for your life?
4. What are the ways that God may speak to people today? Have you ever experienced this?
5. What are some things that we can do if we have made mistakes in our lives?

Additional Question: What is a risk you could take to make yourself a better person or the world a better place? Encourage guests that God often speaks to people through these desires or ideas.

Notes

Helpful links: Start by logging in to MyAlpha

1. Alpha Best Practice Videos - https://run.alphausa.org/training/7-best-practices
2. Learning Center - https://run.alphausa.org/training
3. Complete Guide to Alpha Online - https://run.alphausa.org/training/running-alpha-online-new/complete-guide-to-alpha-online-pdf-new

We'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for running Alpha! We are praying for you and your team.

Please contact **1-800-Do-Alpha** or email us at **questions@alphausa.org** if you need any further information or support.

We'd also love to hear your Alpha stories. Submit your stories at **alphausa.org/share-your-story.**

