

Discussion Questions

- 1 Do you believe people today regard Christianity as boring, untrue, and irrelevant?
- 2 Do you share this view? Why?
- 3 How does Nicky account for the human feeling that “something is missing?”

Does this match your experience?
- 4 “Life without a relationship with God through Jesus Christ is like the television without the antenna.” What is your reaction to that?
- 5 What possible critical responses to Christianity does Nicky identify here?

How would you answer?
- 6 There is a sharp distinction between the intellectual acceptance of truth and experiencing it. Why is this important when thinking about Christianity?
- 7 Looking honestly at ourselves, how many of us are nice people?
- 8 What does “eternal life” mean?

Can it begin now? How?

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen



Alpha

A Practical Introduction to Christianity

Session 1 Christianity: Boring, Untrue, Irrelevant?

What Is Alpha?

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Alpha is a 15-session course describing the Christian faith. It was developed by Nicky Gumbel, the senior pastor at Holy Trinity Brompton Church in London, England.

The four facilitators are Joe, Chris, Jerry and Dean. We are eager to work with you to explain Christianity. We do not promote one denomination over another. We only encourage people to be Christians. A Christian life should include regular study of the Bible, prayer, worship, and fellowship.

There are many interpretations of what the Bible says and means. This series is not intended to explain or defend any denomination. Disagreements are expected and class members must be careful to respect each other's denominational traditions.

The session topics include:

- 1 Christianity: Boring, Untrue, Irrelevant?
- 2 Who is Jesus?
- 3 Why Did Jesus Die?
- 4 How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
- 5 Why and How Do I Pray?
- 6 Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- 7 How Does God Guide Us?
- 8 Who is the Holy Spirit?
- 9 What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- 10 How Can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit?
- 11 How Can I Resist Evil?
- 12 Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- 13 Does God Heal Today?
- 14 What About the Church?
- 15 How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of my Life?

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