

Do you remember Alpha? Its culture of hospitality & invitation are back and better than ever.

Alpha has been available for years – the program as we know it today originated in England in 1990. Today, Alpha is in 169 countries, has been translated into 112 languages, and is multi-denominational. The Alpha program offers free resources to hosts and is a ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is a form of evangelism without the pressure that sometimes accompanies the act of evangelizing.

Alpha can be held anywhere – in churches, in schools, in homes, high schools, and even in prisons. At its core, Alpha is dinner and a conversation. This is a safe place where your dinner guests may explore faith and life questions.

Alpha asks questions of dinner attendees such as: “Is there more to life than this?” and “Who is Jesus?” The evening’s host is expected to provide dinner, not answers, so anyone can host an Alpha dinner. You start by asking your friends to come to dinner and ask them to bring a friend. For a successful Alpha experience, you may host anywhere from four guests to 1,000 guests. The invitation list is only limited by the size of the host’s space.

After dinner, the host shows a 25-minute video that the Alpha group has provided. Then, the dinner guests break up into small groups (if needed) and, together, they entertain the myriad of questions that result from viewing each dinner’s video. There is a different question to ponder each week. This is an opportunity for guests to “explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.”

There are 11 Alpha dinners in total, though no one is required to attend them all. The purpose of these dinners is to create a listening, learning culture that is reliant on the Holy Spirit for answers. The purpose is to offer your guests the opportunity to be transformed.

Are you interested in learning more about Alpha? Visit the Alpha website: <https://alpha.org>

Even better, The Episcopal Diocese of Florida’s Bishop’s Institute is offering an Alpha workshop on March 10, 2018 at [Camp Weed & Cerveny Conference Center](#).

Alpha Training Event, Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10am-3.30pm at **Camp Weed**. Come out and learn about the new, updated Alpha course for your parish outreach and ministry programs from members of the national Alpha group, and Canon Aaron Smith.

The cost for this presentation with continental breakfast & lunch is \$28 per person. We invite you to join us.