

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Session 1

Is there more to

life

than this



Alpha

WELCOME TO ALPHA – A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE SESSIONS TO DISCUSS LIFE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN AN INFORMAL, FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

After each talk, there is a time for discussion with the people in your pew, during which you can ask questions, delve into different issues and find out what others think.

This is your guide, so use it however you like. Write, scribble, note, jot, or doodle. Whatever helps.

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After each discussion there will be a short time of worship and prayer during which you are invited to sing and pray along with the rest of the congregation, or if you prefer simply listen and observe.

What, if any, has been your experience of Christianity?

Boring?

Untrue?

Irrelevant?

At the heart of the Christian faith is the person of Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35)

1. JESUS SAID, “I AM THE WAY.”

The first-order questions of life:

- Is there more to life than this?
- What am I doing on earth?
- What is the point of life?
- What is the purpose of my life?
- Where am I heading?

C. S. Lewis: “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”¹

Jesus is the lens through which we see God. He is the way to God.

Jesus is also the lens by which we see the world in a totally different dimension and clarity.

2. JESUS SAID, “I AM THE TRUTH.”

C. S. Lewis: “Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”²

- Truth—understood intellectually (head knowledge)
- Truth—experienced as a relationship (heart knowledge)

3. JESUS SAID, “I AM THE LIFE.”

“I have come that [you] may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

Jesus came to deal with:

- The things that spoil our lives
- Our guilt

We pray and give thanks for

International

- Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Mission of the Month

- St Paul's VBS

Diocese

- Our Bishop David and his wife Janet
- Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
- Premier Brian Gallant
- Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

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- Parish of Gondola Point – Rev. George Eves
- Retired Clergy - Rev. Dr. Lee Whitney

Parish

- Rev. David & Family
- Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Raymond Bates, Don Buchanan, Bobbi-Jo Corner, Loretta Derrah, Barb Glauser, Rick Hatchette, Dawn Lent, Paul Robichaud, Lloyd Ryder, Sue Scribner, Erika Wisted

July 10	10:00 am Holy Communion Alpha – Who is Jesus?
Music Leader	David & Kate Turner
Layreader	Debbie Cochran
Reader	Glenna Geer Colossians 1: 15-20
Greeters	Keenan Family
A/V	Elaine Robichaud
Sunday School	Diana Bastarache / Debbie Galley
Chancel	Estelle Fowler
Counters	Elaine Robichaud / Myra Stites