

Participant Feedback  
from the Alpha Course held at the  
San Carlos Presbyterian Church  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2010

## 1. What did you enjoy about the Alpha Course?

- i. I enjoyed the way in which the Bible was referred to in the answering of each question, and the examples used by The Reverend Gumbel to expand each point;
- ii. I enjoyed Rev. Nicky Gumbel's messages and testimony; also the fellowship with members of the Alpha course;
- iii. Firstly the inspirational talks by Rev. Nicky Gumbel and the discussions of our team: enlightening and rewarding;
- iv. I felt that Jesus put me to a test to know about Him better, and to serve Him and to teach others more about the Bible and to continue doing His work in ministry and preaching His word to His people;
- v. I enjoyed listening to the talks, the fellowship and the discussions;
- vi. (a) The nature of the 'talks' – they were not 'preachy' but practical, scientific and at times funny; (b) the opportunity to meet with others and share their thoughts and learn from each other;
- vii. The Alpha Course has been an inspirational and very informative lesson on evangelism to me. I especially enjoyed the everyday experiences that Rev. Nicky Gumbel used in reference to the Scriptures to explain the reasons to be a true Christian;
- viii. I enjoyed the togetherness and the love of the people in our sister church;
- ix. The purity of the program and the honesty in which the members of my group expressed pain, joy, sadness, love and helpfulness;
- x. The fellowship of others and the "talks";
- xi. The group discussions and sharing our experiences on the day's lesson/talk;
- xii. Meeting some of our brothers and sisters for the first time who came from other Presbyterian Churches;
- xiii. I enjoyed it because it was very interesting learning about Jesus Christ and the good work He has done for all of us; as we try to listen and hear the thoughts of everyone after;
- xiv. I enjoyed the talks of Rev. Nicky Gumbel's show;

- xv. All the different topics from Rev. Nicky Gumbel, he made it very simple to understand;
- xvi. I enjoyed how Rev. Nicky Gumble spoke;
- xvii. I enjoyed the Alpha Course when Rev. Nicky Gumbel shared some stories and verses so that we could go back and study them;
- xviii. The many answers we got from the group;
- xix. The message was brought in a simple way;
- xx. I enjoy the togetherness with every one and most of all the sermons that were brought to us in a simple and understanding way by Rev. Nicky Gumbel;
- xxi. Coming every Sunday in fellowship with my brothers and sisters and feeling the presence of love amongst us, singing praises, the lectures by Rev. N. Gumbel were very informative;
- xxii. To come to San Carlos Presbyterian Church on Sunday evenings and fellowship with other church members and Rev. Nicky Gumbel on the Alpha Course. This togetherness brings us closer to Christ and His teachings;
- xxiii. I enjoyed the togetherness every Sunday evening;
- xxiv. Meeting people, having fellowship with each other, not only church members;
- xxv. What I enjoyed about it was the singing and getting to meet different people talking about God;

## 2. What impact did the Alpha Course have on your life?

- i. Short term it reminded me of the way that life should be approached. It brought me closer to the level of thought which looks at the dark areas of life as interference from the Devil;
- ii. It has lifted my spiritual life where I have faltered at times;
- iii. My church life was almost nil, but during the course I looked forward to those evenings. Now I have found my way back to Church. Thank you.
- iv. The impact of the Alpha Course on my life was that Rev. Nicky Gumbel taught me to serve and to know God's Word each day of my life, not just by praying for myself but also by praying for others who need prayer and by also getting to know Him better each day of my life;
- v. I am more willing to discuss the Bible;

- vi. It has made me more secure in my faith and has taught me to be more bold in talking about Jesus;
- vii. The Alpha Course has impacted upon me the importance of sharing the Good news with everyone, it also assured me that God can use anyone;
- viii. Yes there is a God in whom we must have faith and love in our hearts;
- ix. I am more aware of the Holy Spirit in my life and around my life. I am able to pray much better and I expect my Father's presence more now than before;
- x. It made me look at life from a different concept;
- xi. I gained a better understanding on life as a Christian and as such some of my views have changed;
- xii. To keep on praying more and more every day;
- xiii. It impacted on my life of the good things that Jesus did for us and the need to go out and continue to do good for the rest of my life. There was also an impact on me spiritually;
- xiv. My spiritual life has improved;
- xv. Spending more time with God; something I lack ever so often;
- xvi. The Alpha Course has improved my life greatly;
- xvii. I got more knowledge about God;
- xviii. Commit our way to the Lord. Trust in Him and He will act in His time;
- xix. Look forward to meeting with others for discussion;
- xx. The togetherness, the love that we shared during the program and also spiritually;
- xxi. I have gained a lot of experience. It has changed my life making me a better person;
- xxii. The Alpha Course increased my knowledge of Jesus Christ and His teachings;
- xxiii. It made me have more faith in God;
- xxiv. Caused you to read your Bible and pray about all in need;
- xxv. In everything be kind and thoughtful to others and enjoy yourself listening to the word of God;

### 3. Would you recommend the Alpha Course to those around you?

- i. Yes I would recommend the Alpha Course to others not only those around but as many as I may;

- ii. I will recommend the Alpha Course to those around me at an advanced level;
- iii. As with everything good in life I would be willing to recommend the Alpha Course not only to those close to me but also those whom I meet in my daily journey;
- iv. I will recommend the Alpha Course to those around me (yes). I will also encourage others, friend and family to know Jesus and will encourage others by telling them about the Alpha Course and how it was a great impact on my life. This course made me get to know Jesus a little, and focus on him who gives me a better understanding with Him;
- v. Yes I would;
- vi. I already have and have been searching for more material to share. I certainly would continue to do so. It is a wonderful course that everyone could benefit from;
- vii. I definitely will recommend this Alpha Course to everyone around me so that their lives may be enriched and be a blessing;
- viii. Yes;
- ix. Yes;
- x. Yes they will really enjoy it;
- xi. Yes;
- xii. Yes I will;
- xiii. Yes I would recommend it for everyone so they would be able to come and enjoy and learn what I learned;
- xiv. For them to change their lives;
- xv. Yes I would recommend the Alpha Course to those around me;
- xvi. I would recommend the Alpha Course to everyone;
- xvii. Yes I would recommend it to others;
- xviii. Yes;
- xix. Yes;
- xx. I would like not only to discuss the Alpha Course with people around me but also with people with whom I have contact, especially my family;
- xxi. Yes. The lectures by Rev. Nicky Gumbel are so simple to understand;
- xxii. Yes! I will;
- xxiii. Yes;
- xxiv. Yes not only church members but non-Christians also;
- xxv. Yes I would recommend the Alpha Course around me.

## 4. How can the Alpha Course be improved?

- i. Maybe it would be more worthwhile if it was more interactive. Instead of one man's opinion there should be a chance for participants to contribute. This would challenge the level of thought.
- ii. Our Alpha Course can be improved by members being committed to it until the end;
- iii. It is magnificent. The only improvement need is that of more people getting to know about it and participate in it;
- iv. The Alpha Course can be improved by telling others about the course and encouraging them to attend it. It will help them understand the teachings of Jesus and help them to live honest, faithful, righteous, humble, patient, caring lives and better themselves and change their lives for the Lord Jesus and come to understand Him better in their lives;
- v. The discussions should be better guided and structured as some sessions went 'off topic'. Perhaps structured questions should fill the allocated time;
- vi. The Alpha Course can be improved with local people sharing the blessings of God on their lives with others during the course;
- vii. In encouraging more people to talk about Christ and tell them what He has done for them;
- viii. 1) past members should be able to share their changes in life; 2) after completing the programme members should have some sort of continuous access to Rev. Gumbel's programs;
- ix. Distribute the talks for personal collection;
- x. I would have liked the discussions to include the entire group;
- xi. By more people attending the course and giving us the opportunity to meet and greet others from the other Presbyterian Churches;
- xii. By getting someone like The Reverend Nicky Gumbel to come and lecture us in person about the Bible;
- xiii. By inviting more people to see the show;
- xiv. By having testimonies on the various topics;
- xv. The Alpha Course can be improved by showing it in every church;
- xvi. By adding more talks;
- xvii. By bringing more people to know what the Lord can do for them;
- xviii. Telling others about the program;
- xix. The Alpha Course could be improved by giving it in other churches;

- xx. By inviting people, through advertising, and announcements in the churches;
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- xxiii. By not only in church but other groups;
- xxiv. By inviting more people in our community and other places so it will expand and grow. And having the Alpha Course each week so we can listen to someone preaching the word of God from the Bible.

## 5. What would you like to do now that the Alpha Course has been completed?

- i. To continue to follow the command of the Lord's teaching in everyday life as I seek to grow closer to my Lord and inherit His kingdom;
- ii. I would like to go out and witness to families who don't know the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
- iii. Before the Course I never made time to pick up the Bible. Now I am motivated;
- iv. I will like the Alpha Course to continue in other churches, and make our Christian sisters and brothers seek Jesus more and they get into this Alpha Course and read the Bible and get to know Jesus better;
- v. A Bible Study Course;
- vi. Other courses that explore the Bible and the basis of Christianity. Basically more to build the faith. The 'fellowship' as opposed to an individual study seems to be more effective. Also having a guide is helpful;
- vii. As the Alpha Course has been completed I would surely miss the fellowship – but I take with me the knowledge and wisdom achieved from this course so that I firstly can be a better person, more understanding and loving with a willingness to reach out to others;
- viii. Continue in what we have learned to do in life;
- ix. 1) I have written to Rev. Gumbel asking about more of his programs and the availability of them. 2) I have already started to share more of Jesus with people;
- x. Try and tell others who do not know Jesus, about his life, what he did for us and what he can do for them;
- xi. I would like to implement some of the lessons learned in my own life;

- xii. To meet as many people as possible and let them know that the way to righteousness is to pray every day and to forgive those who did or may have said things that they should not;
- xiii. What I would really like to do now is to go around other Presbyterian churches and tell them the good things that happened to me from going to the Alpha Course;
- xiv. To change my prayer life;
- xv. I would like to share my knowledge with others and encourage them to do the Alpha Course;
- xvi. I will explain the Alpha Course wherever I go. Thank God for this program;
- xvii. To continue to read the Bible and go to church;
- xviii. Encourage others to attend the Alpha Course whenever it is started in their Church;
- xix. Continue refreshing my mind through the Bible;
- xx. I would try to practice some of the lessons I have learned so that I would be a better person in life;
- xxi. Encourage people to attend this course wherever it is held;
- xxii. To encourage other church members to do the Alpha Course;
- xxiii. I would like to encourage others about the Alpha Course;
- xxiv. Invite others to attend the Alpha course where next it is available;
- xxv. Go to church and continue listening to someone teaching us about the Bible and what it teaches about God.