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Alpha® 101

A SAFE PLACE TO EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH, AND MEANING

Got
questions
about
life?



Let's
explore
them
together.

Alpha

WEEK TWO

**Who Is
Jesus?**

MORE THAN A GOOD TEACHER

ISAIAH 9:2-7 | MATTHEW 16:13-17

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

*OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Open the Eyes of My Heart

See Screens

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUEST

Pastor

If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, we are especially glad you are here. You do not have to know all the answers or have everything figured out to belong among us. We hope today you experience the love of Christ and discover that this is a place where you can worship, grow, ask questions, and walk with others in faith.

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor

What is one thing about Jesus that gives you hope?

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Congregation: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

Liturgist: He is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Prince of Peace.

Congregation: Jesus Christ is more than a teacher; He is the Son of the living God.

Liturgist: Jesus asks each of us, "Who do you say that I am?"

Congregation: We come to know Him, worship Him, and follow Him.

Liturgist: Let us worship Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord!

Congregation: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs.1,3,4)

UMH #327

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Liturgist

Liturgist: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:2–7

Liturgist

New King James Version

²The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation *And* increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. ⁵For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire. ⁶For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help us see You more clearly today. Show us Your love, help us know who You are, and teach us to follow You. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13–17

Liturgist

New King James Version

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" ¹⁴So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are located in the back of the pew in front of you. If you would like to turn in a prayer for the service and prayer chain, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center isle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 1-4)

UMH #189

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Alpha 101: Who Is Jesus?

Theme: More Than a Good Teacher

Core Question: Who do I say Jesus is?

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You have given Yourself completely for us. Receive these gifts as an expression of our love, trust, and commitment. Use them to help others know You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

All Hail the Power Jesus' Name (v 1, 3, 6)

UMH #154

*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

*Go into the world knowing that Jesus is more than a good teacher. He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. May your words confess Him, your actions reflect Him, and your life faithfully follow Him. Go in the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit...and all of God's children said...**Amen.***

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Grace, Love and Fellowship

CEL#233

* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of
their son, Donnie Dampier,
by Don & Gail Dampier*