Church Leader

The Church Leader is responsible for the spiritual leadership for the entire Alpha ministry. Spiritual leadership is provided for the Director, all members of the Alpha Team (all course coordinators, Small Group Hosts and Helpers, and Worship and Task Force Members), and the guests.

Qualifications

A spiritually mature Christian who has a heart for the lost; understands and agrees with the philosophy and theology of the Alpha ministry; understands the work of the Holy Spirit; is "full of the Spirit and wisdom" (Acts 6:3); is good with people; and is gifted in the areas of leadership, teaching, discernment, healing, and faith.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Provide spiritual leadership for all aspects of the Alpha ministry including team training, weekly sessions, ministry times, and the Weekend Away.
2. Provide guidance for all practical aspects of the Alpha ministry as needed.
3. Determine with the church staff and Alpha Team whether the talks will be presented live or via DVD. If live, determine who will give each talk. (The Alpha Leader will usually present the majority of the talks.)
4. In conjunction with the Small Group Coordinator, select all Small Group Hosts and Small Group Helpers.
5. Be sensitive to the spiritual and emotional needs of the Alpha Team and Alpha guests. Offer pastoral care as needed.
6. Prepare for each worship time by praying for the speaker (if someone other than yourself), the Alpha Worship Leader, the Alpha Team Members, the guests, and yourself. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any area of your life where you need forgiveness and to fill you.
7. Be familiar with the philosophy of pastoral care and prayer ministry during Alpha. Principles and methods of pastoral care are included in chapter 5 of *Telling Others,* and Session 2 of *The Alpha Course Small Group Training* DVD. Prayer ministry during Alpha is covered in chapter 7 of *Telling Others,* and Session 3 of *The Alpha Course Small Group Training* DVD.
8. Impart these principles and vision of the Alpha Ministry to the Alpha Team through three training sessions. The first two sessions (Hosting Small Groups and Pastoral Care) will be held during the two weeks immediately preceding the course. The third session (Praying for Others during Alpha) will be held one week prior to the Weekend Away.
9. During the prayer ministry times, pray for those who respond and indicate they would like prayer. Prayer times are included during the Weekend Away and following the talk "Does God Heal Today?" Remember the guidelines to pray in teams with a designated leader and to pray for members of your same sex.
10. Model spiritual leadership by being available to all team members, praying for them regularly, and consistently affirming them.
11. Represent the Alpha ministry in all church committee and board meetings.

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