



# ever wonder?



We are so excited you decided to try *ever wonder?* with your friends and community. The purpose of this series is to create a space for people in your life to have honest conversations about what every human wants - a place to belong, to know they are loved, and to live a meaningful life. We encourage you to try this three-week course outside of the church - go to your friends, family or neighbors and create a space for these really important conversations.

## getting started

- Pick dates and a location outside of the church (3 consecutive weeks)
- Invite 5-10 people for a conversation along the themes of identity, belonging, and purpose
- Ask a friend to help
- Imagine what each night will look like and plan (dinner party, coffee shop, dorm room - this content is best outside of the church building!)

Please reach out to us at [everwonder@alphausa.org](mailto:everwonder@alphausa.org) with any feedback, stories, or questions during your experience hosting. Once you complete your experience, please fill out our [ever wonder survey](#).

## identity

### week one

#### before:

- [Download the video](#)
- Text your guests

(sample text: Hey, I'd love to see you at my house again this week - we are having tacos for dinner and the topic is about finding your identity.)

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#### during:

- Have an element of hospitality -- a meal, snack, coffee with your group.
  - Watch the video
  - Discuss these questions:
  - Intro question: If you could only use 3 words to introduce yourself, what would they be?
  - When was a time you felt incredibly loved or were shown incredible love?
  - Who or what is telling you who you are? Is that the person you want to become?
  - What do you think about fear and love? How do they impact our identity?
  - When was a time you felt incredibly loved or showed incredible love?
  - If you knew your true self was fully known and fully loved by God, what would change?
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#### after:

- Send a follow up text

(sample text: Loved being with you tonight! We are going to chat again next week about what it means to belong. would love for you to come.)

## belonging

### week two

#### before:

- [Download the video](#)
- Invite 5-10 people

(sample text: Hey! I am having a dinner party next week on Wednesday. We are going to have pizzas and watch a video about belonging then discuss it together. I'd love for you to come.)

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#### during:

- Have an element of hospitality -- a meal, snack, coffee with your group.
  - Watch the video
  - Discuss these questions:
  - Intro question: Tell us about a friend you had growing up. What made this friendship work?
  - When was a time you felt like you belonged? Tell us more about it/What was it like?
  - What are three things that have happened in the last five years that have shaped who you are today?
  - With the communities that you are already a part of, are you able to be you and bring your full self? Why or why not?
  - To live more authentically in your full self, what is something you wish more people knew/appreciated about you?
  - Hearing that Jesus is able to sympathize with your struggles, how does your view of Jesus change?
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#### after:

- Send a follow up text

(sample text: Thanks for coming! How was it for you?)

## purpose

### week three

#### before:

- [Download the video](#)
- Invite 5-10 people

(sample text: Hey, hope to see you tomorrow! We are going to eat cookies and watch a video on finding purpose.)

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#### during:

- Have an element of hospitality -- a meal, snack, coffee with your group.
  - Watch the video
  - Discuss these questions:
  - Intro question: What does the "good life" look like for you? -Or - What does a day in the good life look like to you?
  - Have you ever asked if there's a bigger story or something more than what is right here/in your life right now?
  - Who or what is at the center of your story right now and is it big enough to hold your pain and your purpose?
  - What is a challenge you have overcome?
  - What is something that gives you meaning or purpose? How do you see it connecting to some of the ideas shared in the video?
  - Feedback: Share a personal high and low from the *ever wonder?* experience.
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#### after:

- Send a follow up text

(sample text: Thanks for coming! How was it for you?)

- Connect your guests to a local Alpha course or church if they are interested.

**thanks for hosting *ever wonder?* with us!**