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# Church:

## What about the Church?

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Please answer the **BOLD** questions and supporting questions. Then answer all the **'MORE QUESTIONS'** in a separate document and email to your small group leader.

**Q1**

### How have you enjoyed Alpha so far? Any highlights?

#### SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- What has stood out to you most about your experience on Alpha so far?
- Did anything surprise you about your experience on Alpha?

**Q2**

### What has your experience been with the Church?

#### SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- When you think about the Church, what questions come to mind?
- What are some misunderstandings that people have about the Church?
- What do you think about the idea that "church is a people, not a building"?

**Q3**

### If this pool represents a relationship with God, which character do you identify with the most? (Picture is on page 2 of this doc.)

#### SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- Has your answer to this question changed from the beginning of your time on Alpha?
- Is there a missing character? What other person might you add to describe where you are at?
- What do you think it would look like for you to take a step into the pool? Is anything holding you back?

## MORE QUESTIONS

- 1. How do you feel about this episode? Did anything from the episode stand out to you?
- 2. In this session, 5 pictures represented the church: friends, family, home, body of Jesus, and love.
  - Do any of those images stand out to you?
  - Is there an idea or image that raised some questions for you?
- 3. The Church is so diverse in its expression. How can such a global and diverse Church be united?
- 4. Now that Alpha is coming to an end, how would you summarize your experience?

# Episode Summary

## BIG IDEA

The Church is the family of God. It's people, not a building. It's a movement of hope, love and justice. We are all invited to live out our faith in community with other believers. God works through the Church to extend love to the whole world.

## KEY QUOTES & SCRIPTURES

There is a lot of unrest in the world and people are searching to find a place of family and home.

**Laura Toganivalu**

Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

**HEBREWS 10:25 NLT**

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

**MATTHEW 18:20**

When you love Jesus, you love those whom he loves.

**Cardinal Tagle**

When the Church is operating as Jesus intended, it's a force for profound hope and healing in the world.

What unites us is infinitely greater than what divides us.

**Nicky Gumbel**

We are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**EPHESIANS 2:22**

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:27**

Jesus prayed 'that we may be one' – united – 'so that the world will believe.'

**JOHN 17:21**

Alpha, it's just the beginning. Your journey has just begun. Following Jesus is life's great adventure!

