

A Story of Transformed Lives from St. Patrick Parish

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My wife and I signed up for Alpha. She is in the RCIA program, converting to Catholicism. I was born and raised Catholic but have attended other Christian services since I divorced quite a few years ago.

We both found the Alpha Series very enlightening and worthwhile. Some of the highpoints to us were:

1. The moderator in the videos, Nicky Gumbel, was superb. Starting as an atheist, his conversion to Christianity was moving.
2. His selection of "true life" experiences of drug addicts, prison convicts, etc made a big impact--hearing how bringing Jesus into their lives was the turning point from evil to good.
3. The themes of the videos each week were excellent. They covered a full range of spiritual topics and were meaningful to us. For example, How to Pray; Why to Pray; How can I have faith?; The Bible; The Holy Spirit; Evil; How to get others interested in Christ; How does God heal us?
4. The small breakout groups were also very good. We learned a lot by listening to others state their views, concerns, aspirations, etc. We also provided input which others in the group considered and commented on.
5. The small groups also gave us a chance to relate to others at St. Patrick.
6. Finally, there were many people younger than us, and that was refreshing to see. We came from a church environment where virtually everyone was an older person.



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