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Alpha in FBC: The Starfish Project

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? - Romans 10:14

As followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all want to obey His command to make disciples of all nations, especially those dearest to us, so we will be worshipping Him together, forever.



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But how do we make someone a disciple unless he or she, as the apostle Paul wrote in Romans, calls on the one who died to redeem us? And how is that person going to call on Him unless he or she believes in Him? And how is that person going to believe in Him whom he or she has not heard of?

Not everyone is comfortable sharing the gospel with others for one reason or another. That is where Alpha comes in.

At Alpha, Jesus is preached in a warm, friendly, nonpressuring environment through a series of videos in a simple, logical fashion. Warm because we start off with dinner, and people get the opportunity to know each other. Friendly because people get the chance to ask questions and share their viewpoints and experiences without being judged. Participants can also opt to join online if they so wish.

The Alpha program has proven to be an effective, not to mention fun, way to evangelize. FBC has run this program 22 times over the last 10 years benefiting over 1,200 participants, both seekers, and believers.

Alpha 23 will commence on 2nd February 2023 presenting another opportunity for us to heed our Lord's command. As we all know, we need to seek the power of our Lord in our endeavor to bring people, especially loved ones, to faith in Him. We need to pray that our Lord will soften their hard hearts, and pave the way for us to approach them to join Alpha. In line with this purpose, we have launched the "Starfish Project".



Why do we call this initiative the Starfish Project?

A man was walking along a beach and he saw that there were tens of thousands of starfish left stranded on the beach, dying in the heat of the sun. Off a distance the man saw a young boy who was picking up the starfish one at a time, going down to the sea and throwing it in. The man went up to the boy and he laughed and he said "look, can't you see there were tens of thousands of starfish out here. I don't really think what you're doing is going to make any difference". The young boy carried on picking up another starfish, went down to the water's edge and threw it into the sea, and then he turned to the man and he said: "well, I bet it made a difference for that one".

Who is the "starfish" you want to make a difference to?

Whoever the persons you have in mind, we want to pray for them by name, individually, for God to touch their hearts. All you need to do is give us their names, and you can do so either online via

https://forms.gle/T2Xb1kyhJJAwCeLe9 or write them on the Evangelism corner of the FBC notice board. Together, let's make a difference for our loved ones.

By FBC Alpha Team



PrayerSpotlight

Let us continue to uphold Malaysia by praying for:

- Godly wisdom and guidance for Prime Minister and Cabinet to govern in righteousness, and justice. Courage to withstand pressure to act unjustly.
- 2. Government and opposition leaders would commit to working together (and that we would too). Give them the wisdom to navigate differences and work together to strengthen our country.
- 3. Wisdom to create solutions in the Budget for 2023 that address the cost of living, potential economic slowdown, and need for robust education.
- 4. Pray for courage and wisdom will be given to Christians to engage with all peoples across all faiths and all political lines.