

Team roles in Alpha online



Moving your Alpha online doesn't have to feel overwhelming. Below we've outlined the key roles you'll need to run a successful course online.

Prayer Team

Building a prayer team for your online Alpha is just as important as building one for your in-person Alpha! You will need people supporting you and your team behind the scenes and **praying for God to move powerfully** in the lives of your guests.

Alpha Leader

The Alpha session leader is critical to setting the tone your online Alpha. You'll need someone who brings energy and enthusiasm and who can be the 'face' of your Alpha course. They will be seen by everyone and will need to be **warm and welcoming** and help guests engage with the Good News of Jesus. Get this piece right, and you'll be well on your way to a successful online Alpha.

Technical Help

If the session leader is the face, then this person is the function. This person works behind the scenes during Alpha to broadcast the video and **troubleshoot tech issues** with guests. They need to be comfortable with the Alpha online platform, understand its functionality, and be able to respond calmly if issues occur.

Hosts and Helpers

The role of the host and helper during online Alpha is critical to the success of your online Alpha. The group host may need to be a bit more energetic and dynamic than in a face to face Alpha in order to **help maintain energy within the group**. They will greet people as they join call, get them talking and engaged while others are joining in, and will make the overall experience a lot of fun. Equip them well with questions and icebreakers that engage the whole group.

The Alpha online platform may help those who are more reserved or a bit quieter to actually speak up and participate in discussion. Helpers can **help moderate the chat window** and watch for body language signals that indicate quieter members are ready to speak. Some churches find that guests participating in online Alpha are willing to be more vulnerable and groups may delve into deeper conversation more quickly than they are otherwise used to.