

Omega

Course

How To Do It

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How To Do It

This is not a mandatory blue print
but an attempt to suggest how to use
the course to achieve its objective

PEOPLE TODAY

We are living in days of dramatic and comprehensive change and people from non-christian and non-church background formulate ideas of religion to what suits themselves.

Concepts like sin and Judgment is foreign to them and the need for repentance would not normally enter their mind. For some, the idea of God carries with it a big ?, and creation for most is a myth.

There are those who having rejected established religion are searching for something and are trying to discover what that something is.

Life is full of questions.
Some are trivial, some more serious, and some tremendously important.
Its these important questions
Omega seeks to answer.

Omega is a means to an end. It provides a basis for introducing the reality of Bible Christianity and the gospel to neighbours, friends, work colleagues, acquaintances, and the man in the street, also helping them to grasp the real meaning of life.

There is an 'information overload' with most people from a variety of sources. Most of these have a far greater impact than those they hear from the church.

The way to encourage people to give serious consideration to a subject is give them opportunity to talk about it.

Discussion can help truth to rise to the surface and that makes it easier for them to discover it for themselves.

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USING THE BIBLE

'I don't understand what you're saying'

Do not assume that they are familiar with the Bible. Its culture, style, layout, stories etc may be foreign to them.

Give a brief introduction to any passage of scripture that you use.

Read the passage relevant to the subject carefully, reflect its authority and explain it simply.

Avoid long Bible Readings

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TIME

Make sure you have considered the implications of Time.

AIMS

Keep the aim clearly before you

It is to present to non Christian, non church going friends the relevance of the Gospel and what Bible Christianity is.

METHOD

Structure the evening.

Start at a time suitable to you.

If having a few friends or neighbours into your home for the talks, have coffee and light refreshments prepared to serve at the conclusion of the talk. It will provide opportunity for the group to relax and for you to converse with them.

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THE TALK

- Begin by welcoming those who have come.
- Explain simply without too much detail the purpose of the get together.
- Be well prepared if you are responsible for the talk.
- Pray - but keep it short and to the point.
- Remember the first essential. Create interest and then maintain the interest created.
- Don't overrun the session.
- Don't use jargon foreign to non Christians.
- Don't get discouraged - Results rarely happen the first week.
- Do pray before the folks arrive.
- Do make everyone feel welcome.
- Do smile and look interested.

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IMPORTANT THINGS

- Be Enthusiastic**
Create an atmosphere that makes everyone feel it's exciting to come.
- Be Encouraging**
Express warmth and responsiveness so all who attend feel they are wanted.
- Be Listening**
People respond when they know you are ready to listen as well as teach.
- Give yourself time, beware of talking for talkings sake. Leave ten or fifteen minutes for discussion.
- Have some points for discussion ready in case the group are slow to respond.
- Close the session with a short prayer.
- Your situation will determine how the evening is run. But do have a timetable so you know where you are going. It will depend on those who come as to the time they can stay.