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I had been coming to Bonhomme for about six months when I saw an advertisement for the Alpha class. Before Alpha, I was a reluctant visitor to Bonhomme. After months of asking, my best friend had finally gotten me to agree to join her on Wednesday nights for dinner at the church. I was a student, and I wasn't going to say no when somebody offered to buy me dinner.

It took about six months of dinners before I finally accepted her invitation to come with her to church on a Sunday morning. At that point, I was nearing graduation and facing the giant question of “what next?” I called and texted her crying almost daily. Exasperated she asked me one more time “Will you please come with me to church?” I was exhausted, scared, and had nothing to lose so I finally agreed to join her.

Those early services I simply sat in my chair and cried. Eventually I started to look forward to going, and was actually disappointed on the weeks that they didn't go, I still wasn't willing to go alone. After about 6 months there was an ad for the Alpha Course. I was curious and told my friend that I wanted to go and she agreed to go with me. As I went through the class it was amazing. I was learning that things I thought to be true simply weren't. I was being loved on by people I had never met, but they were holding and nurturing me. My questions were being answered, and I liked the answers. I learned that it was safe to question and even disagree. I learned what it truly means to follow Jesus. On the last night of Alpha I prayed with two dear friends and accepted Jesus into my heart. I had not had all of my questions answered, and I was still not completely sure, but I did know that I wanted what was being offered. I have been growing and changing ever since.

