



# Alpha

A course in the basics of Christianity.

ALPHA is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each session the group will watch a video on a specific question related to the Christian faith. We then will have an opportunity to reflect on the information brought up in the video, ask questions, listen to others opinions and discuss individual insights.

## TOPICS

- Is there more to life than this?
- Who is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Can We Have Faith
- Why & How to Pray?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- Why and How Should I read the Bible?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Does God Heal Today?
- How and Why I Should Tell Others?
- What About the Church?
- How Can I Make the Rest of my Life?

It is offered once or twice/year – watch for more information. The lectures, materials and discussion are in English and Japanese. They open to all —those considering baptism to life-long Christians.



## Additional Classes Upon Request

### Youth Opportunities

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class** is for children 6–9 years old before they participate in Lord's Supper. We explore what communion means in the Bible and in worship in an afternoon class.

**Confirmation Class:** A twelve-hour class including church history, worship and sacraments for those confirming their faith (usually for teens but is open to adults).

**Baptism Class** for elementary aged children what baptism means for them and the church.

### Adult Opportunities

#### Baptism Class

Baptism is one of the sacraments observed by the Christian church. A sacrament is an action that Jesus did and told his followers to do. Baptism is a sacrament that symbolizes new life in Jesus Christ. Those who are interested in being publicly baptized and joining the YUC should consult with the pastors.

It is usually a 4-part class covering what scriptures says about Baptism, What is the Church?, What is YUC membership? and Church governance.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Growing in Faith & Knowledge*

# Yokohama Union Church



## For Youth on Sunday

**Sunday School:** English  
5–11 year olds: 9:30–10:20, Lower level

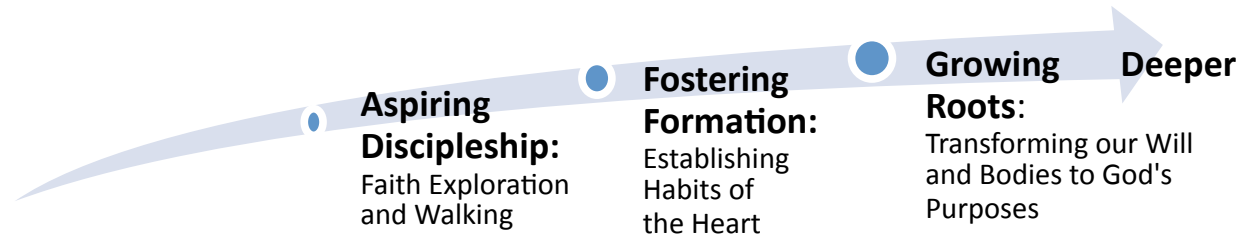
Our curriculum is TEACH ME TO WORSHIP. It uses stories from the bible to teach the themes and prepare children to be to recognize what is happening during Sunday worship.

In covering the parts of worship and special seasons students will have a grasp of major stories and characters of the bible. Each Sunday starts with song and prayer, then goes to the story and uses a variety of hands on activities to teach the concepts. (When finished children are brought to the worship area for parent pick-up.)

**Children & Worship:** English  
For 3–7 year olds during worship on the main level near the restrooms

It is designed for the young children to experience worship in their own developmental level following the church liturgical calendar. It is based on the Montessori type of teaching.

After listening to the children's sermon in the sanctuary, they will be led to a special room to continue their worship which includes songs, bible stories, arts and crafts.



## Adult Discipleship Formation

(All classes in English unless noted otherwise;  
12+–99 year olds are welcome to join us)

### SUNDAY 9:30–10:15AM

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** God gives spiritual gifts to believers in the church for the building up of the church and for His glory. It is a Growing Roots level and we are continuing from last year's study. Led by Pastor Linda

The **JAPANESE** bible study is on the worship Scripture lesson of the day. It is an Aspiring Discipleship level study. Led by Pastor Ken

**PRAYER TIME** in the Sanctuary – 2nd & 4th Sundays. Join us for a time of prayer for the church and individuals. It is a Fostering Formation level. Led by Missy Hart or Nozomi Brownell.

### 1st Sunday each month; 1:00–3:00PM

**BIBLE SURVEY STUDY:** This study is an Aspiring Discipleship level and we generally do one book of the Bible per month. The study includes the literary type, the major characters and theological points and how the book fits into the rest of the Bible. We continue with the book of Psalms on September 4.

**Bibles are available to use or bring your own.**

## **NEW** Studies @ YUC

### **FRIDAYS 9:30–11:30AM**

**The Letter to the Hebrews** is strongly Jewish in style and explores the meaning of the New Covenant inaugurated in Jesus Christ. It is A Growing Roots level and inductive style study.

**SUNDAY 12N start** — starts with a 15 minute presentation on the topic, then 30 small group discussion

**Power of Prayer: 6 Weeks 10/2–11/6** (12–1) Prayer, as a gift from God to us the people of God, is one of the foundations of our Christian life. Yet sometimes it is one of the hardest gifts to receive in fullness. Fostering Formation level

**Advent Study: 4 Weeks 11/27–12/18** This study prepares us for the good news of Christmas. What are the promises that God fulfills in the birth of Jesus? And how are we, as God's people, called to respond to such an event? Fostering Formation level

**A Sabbath Retreat: January 14, 2017**  
Watch for more details and registration.