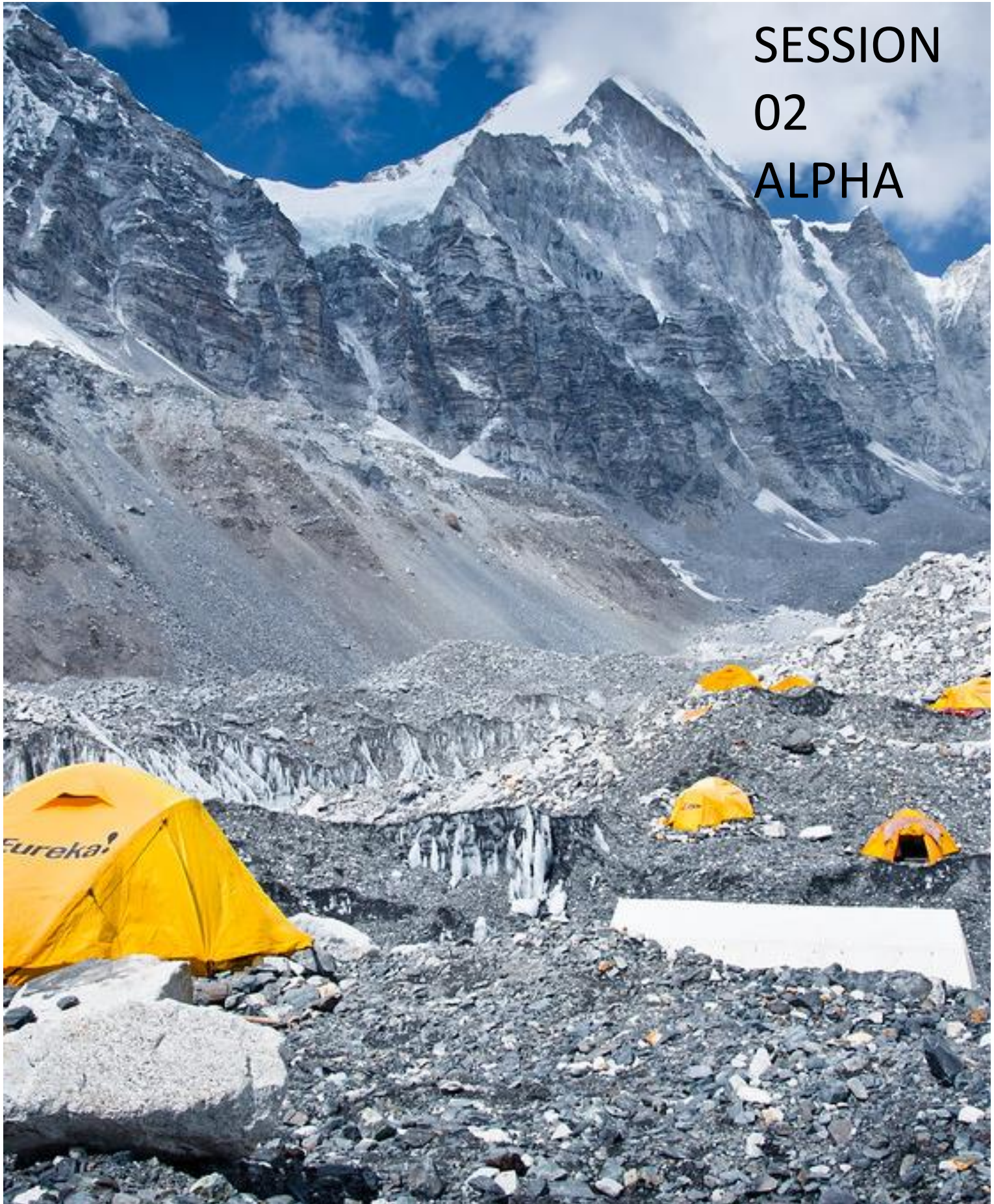


SESSION
02
ALPHA



INSTRUCTOR



THEO VISSER

Theo Visser (1970) has a passion to see the church of Jesus restored to its original vigor: missional, colorful, passionate for Christ, Spirit filled, grace oriented, holy, with strong theology and high Christology. His vision is to see people from all nations becoming disciples of Christ in such a way that they will disciple others. In this way he aims for a multiplying movement of Gods Spirit across Europe.

After his study of theology in Utrecht he worked with refugees for 5 years. After that he planted an intercultural church in Rotterdam (ICF Rotterdam). Later he launched the Dutch ICP network; in 10 years' time he connected about 30 newly planted churches. In addition to this, Theo started a new church planting church in Rotterdam (LEEF!), where even today he still experiences the dynamics of an intercultural church. This is also the place where he himself is discipling others because that is his greatest passion. In this learning process he gained much experience in planting intercultural churches. He used to write down and store all the lessons that he has learned in this specific intercultural field. Right now, he spends most of his time serving the European network of intercultural church plants, ICP Europe (www.icpnetwork.eu). The goal of this network is to help the nations of Europe establish their own national network of intercultural church planting.

Theo's gifts as a pioneer are coaching, overseeing, training and inspiring others. In this way he helps people to reach their full potential in Christ for the cause of Kingdom among the nations.

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Session Summary

In this session Theo will discuss the first basecamp on our journey of planting an intercultural church. The Alpha course is a good place to start. This video explains how you can start in an easy way with a proven tool.



Session 02: Alpha

COUSE GUIDE - Fill in the Blank

1. Alpha is such a simple and _____ way to discuss Jesus together in a welcoming loving atmosphere.
2. Everything depends on God and great focus on _____.
3. In the process that follows with Alpha, you will become a strong _____ with others.
4. There are three ways that people come to know Jesus. They are the _____, works and _____.
5. We need both the Word and _____ of God in all we do.
6. A house setting is a particularly good place to do and alpha course as it is in the best place to experience the challenges of _____.
7. In Greek, the word _____ means love for strangers.
8. When we bring the gospel into our houses, we bring it also into our _____.
9. Alpha is a great tool to birth a new _____ community that shows love to the people in your community.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Why should we choose to start climbing the mountain with an Alpha course?
2. How could Alpha look like in your context? Explore whether Alpha is available in your language, try to join one or start one.