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What About Prisons?

Jesus said, "...I was in prison and you came to Me."

Alpha has been running with great success in our prisons.

Many of those in prison have a desire to live changed lives. Alpha is offered in all types of prisons and correctional institutions for both men and women and is also used in young offender and juvenile institutions. It is often a part of reentry initiatives for those having less than 18 months to serve their sentence.

Recent national studies show that 68% of offenders are re-arrested within five years of release. However, those inmates who complete the Alpha Prisoner Reentry Initiatives have an average recidivism rate of 15%. Through Alpha and the local church, we witness fewer people returning to prison once they are released.



Alpha For Prisons



Margaret Cotton, Missionary Director

In comments from participants in an Alpha at a South Carolina prison, most of the men described their current relationship with Jesus as "strong and growing," with some commenting:

"I got closer to Jesus through the Videos."

"I'm very thankful that Jesus plays a bigger role in my life now."

"I love Alpha!"

"I am blessed to be in the Course."

"I love growing in Christ."

"I pray to Him every chance I get."

"My faith was low, but now it can be healed"

One said, "It changed my life!" another, "Alpha picked up my spirit!" and yet another said, "It helped me trust God and believe."

We at Alpha South Carolina are grateful for this powerful tool being used in prisons.