

Craig Springer

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Craig Springer is the Executive Director of Alpha USA; a program that runs in over 6,000 churches across every major denomination and 450 prisons throughout the country. Alpha mobilizes 50,000 volunteers and 350,000 participants annually in the US and over 1.5 million globally. Alpha is a simple idea of a great meal, a short talk and a meaningful discussion about life and faith over ten weeks. It is for people with questions, frustrations and serious doubts about spirituality, the church, the direction of their lives or anything in-between. The key to Alpha is listening – it's a judgement-free space where any point of view is respected, no one gets corrected and people can explore their thoughts together. Alpha USA is helping to transform the culture of churches in America and across the globe to listen more than we speak and invite those in who don't believe or behave in all the familiar ways. Best-Selling Author and Leader, Rick Warren, has stated "Alpha is one of the most effective tools for the 21st century."

Craig has been a leader and pastor in influential churches in Chicago and Denver, one of which was named Outreach Magazine's 2014 Fastest Growing Church in America. Craig lives in the Denver area and is a passionate hiker at every mountain sport you can name. He has been married to Sarah for 18 years, has two, full-hearted children and one very spoiled beagle.