

**Why and How
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"I'm going to tell everyone!"



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Why should I tell others?

1. Jesus commands us



Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

Why should I tell others?

1. Jesus commands us
2. Our love for others

Our deepest hungers are not for food and drink, not for amusements and recreations, not for property and wardrobes, not for notoriety and gossip. We hunger for truth, we thirst to drink beauty, we yearn to celebrate, we stretch out to love and be loved.

This is why anything less than everything is not enough.

- Father Thomas Dubay



To fall in love with God is the
greatest romance; to seek him the
greatest adventure; to find him,
the greatest human achievement.

Saint Augustine

Obstacles to Sharing

Two Extremes:
Insensitivity
OR
Fear

How do I tell others?

1. Proximity

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... Let your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:13-16

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

How do I tell others?

1. Proximity
2. Persuasion

Persuasion is the natural internal consequence of being confronted with truth, beauty and goodness

How do I tell others?

1. Proximity
2. Persuasion
3. Proclamation

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples* heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

John 1:35-46

The next day he decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

John 1:35-46

How do I tell others?

1. Proximity
2. Persuasion
3. Proclamation
4. Power



A close-up photograph of a man with dark, curly hair and a grey beard. He is covering his eyes with his right hand. Another person's hand is visible on the left, resting on the man's forehead. The background is a textured, light-colored wall. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

ALL I KNOW IS THAT I WAS
BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

For our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

How do I tell others?

1. Proximity
2. Persuasion
3. Proclamation
4. Power
5. Prayer

“I strongly suspect that if we saw all the difference even the tiniest of our prayers to God make, and all the people those little prayers were destined to affect, and all the consequences of those effects down through the centuries, we would be so paralyzed with awe at the power of prayer that we would be unable to get up off our knees for the rest of our lives.”

Dr. Peter Kreeft



St. Monica and St. Augustine

Questions to Share

1. What part of tonight's talk stood out to you? What are your first impressions?
2. Were you invited to Alpha or to Church? What was that like and why did you decide to go once you were invited?
3. What has your experience been about sharing your faith or about Alpha?
4. What are some obstacles you have faced or expect you might face?