

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

September 4, 2016

Session 10

**How and why
should I**

Tell others



Alpha

WELCOME TO ALPHA – A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE SESSIONS TO DISCUSS LIFE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN AN INFORMAL, FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

After each talk, there is a time for discussion with the people in your pew, during which you can ask questions, delve into different issues and find out what others think.

This is your guide, so use it however you like. Write, scribble, note, jot, or doodle. Whatever helps.

After each discussion there will be a short time of worship and prayer during which you are invited to sing and pray along with the rest of the congregation, or if you prefer simply listen and observe.

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“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:18–20)

Why tell others?

- Jesus told us to
- For the needs of others – spiritual hunger in the world
- It’s good news: “Gospel” = Good News
- Two opposite dangers
 - Insensitivity
 - Fear

How do we tell others?

1. PRESENCE (Matthew 5:13–16)

- We are called to be salt and light. (vv.13–14)
- When people know we are Christians, they watch our lives. (v.16)

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13–16)

2. PERSUASION (Matthew 5:13–16)

“Since ... we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.” (2 Corinthians 5:11)

- Work out the answers to common questions.
 - For example: “What about other religions?” and “How can a God of love allow suffering?”
- Do it with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)

3. PROCLAMATION (John 1:39–46)

- We are not all called to be “evangelists” but we are all called to be “witnesses.” (v.41)
- We can all say, “Come and see.”

4. POWER (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

- The love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.
- Healing

5. PRAYER (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

- For others
- For ourselves—to have boldness (Acts 4:29–31)

Don't give up—whenever you pass on the good news of Jesus, it has an effect. The gospel is the power of God. (Mark 4:15–20)

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RECOMMENDED READING

The Case Against Christ
John Young
Searching Issues
Nicky Gumbel

We pray and give thanks for

International - Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Mission of the Month - St Paul's VBS

Diocese - Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery – Renforth: Rev. Eric Phinney & Retired Clergy: Rev. Canon George Akerley

Parish - Rev. David & Family & Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Raymond Bates, Don Buchanan, Bobbi-Jo Corner, Loretta Derrah, Barb Glauser, Rick Hatchette, Pat Keirstead, Dawn Lent, Paul Robichaud, Lloyd Ryder, Sue Scribner, Erika Wisted

September 11	10:00 am Holy Communion <i>Alpha 11 – What about the church?</i>
Music Leader	Glenna G / Christian G
Layreader	Heather Miller
Reader	Pat Hanratty <i>Matthew 16: 13-18</i>
Greeters	
A/V	Elaine Robichaud
Sunday School	Kate Turner / Jennie Vautour
Chancel	Jean Bates / Shirley Stevenson
Counters	Kitty Martin / Glenna Geer