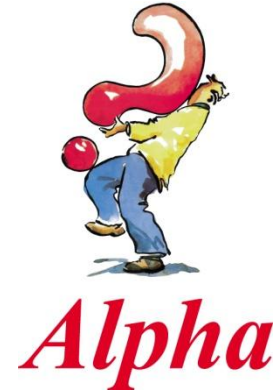


Discussion Questions

1. What answer would you give to someone who says that Christianity is “a private matter?”
2. What are the “two opposite dangers” that Nicky describes?
3. What does it mean in practice to be “salt” and “light” to those around us?
4. How can we be better equipped to answer the objections that people may have to the Christian faith?
5. What are the ways in which we might “bring people to Jesus?”
6. Why is prayer essential in the area of telling others the Good News?
7. How should you respond to “negative reactions” when speaking about Jesus?



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Introduction

The command of Jesus—The Great Commission

- Matthew 28:16 - 20

The needs of others

The Good News (about Jesus) of the Gospel

Presence

We are called to be salt

- Matthew 5:13 - 16
- Called to stop society from going bad
- Called to minister "with the poor"

We are called to be light—family, coworkers, roommates

When people know we are Christians, they watch our lives

- Matthew 5:16
- 1 Peter 3:1 – 2
- 1 Peter 3:15

Persuasion

Work out answers to common questions

- 2 Corinthians 5:11
- Acts 17:2 - 4

Learn to recognize smoke screens

Proclamation

Jesus said "Come and you will see"

- John 1:39

We are not all called to be "evangelists," but we are all called to be witnesses

- John 1:39-41

Power

- 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Proclaim

- Mark 1:14 – 15

Demonstrate

- Mark 1:21 – 28
- Mark 1:29 – 34
- Mark 1:40 – 45
- Acts 3

Prayer

For others' blind eyes to be opened

- 2 Corinthians 4:4

For yourself to have boldness

- Acts 4:29 - 31

Conclusion

Do not give up

- Galatians 6:9

Do not be ashamed of the Gospel

- Romans 1:16