

# Why and How Should Tell Others?

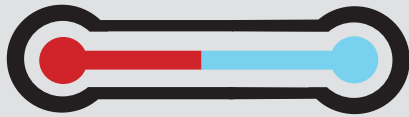
*'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:18–20).*

## 1. 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** vs. **Fear**



**INSENSITIVITY**

**FEAR**

## 2. How Do We Tell Others?

### 1. PRESENCE (Matthew 5:13–16)

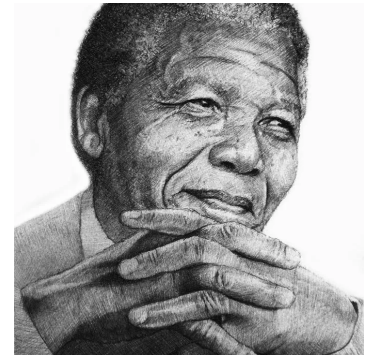
- We are called to be salt and light (vv.13–14)



- When people know we are Christians, they watch our lives (v.16)

*"It's not the kings and generals who make history, but the masses of the people."*

**Nelson Mandela**



### SET YOUR QUESTIONS FREE

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**Suggestions for preparing your story:**

- **Keep it short** - Aim for three minutes – people switch off after that
- **Make it personal** - Don't preach – use 'I' or 'we' – not 'you'
- **Keep Christ central** - They need to follow him, not you
- **The format:**
  - A little of your former life
  - How you came into your relationship with Christ
  - Something of what it has meant since then
- **Write it out in full** - It's easier to edit your story when it's down on paper!

**3. Proclamation (John 1:39 –46)**

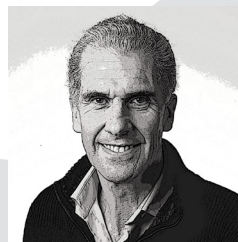
- We are not all called to be 'evangelists' but we are all called to be 'witnesses' (v.41)
- We can all say, 'Come and see'

**4. Power (1 Thessalonians 1:5)**

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

**4. 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)



***“I can't think of anything that makes a greater difference to a person's life than if they encounter Jesus Christ.”***

**Nicky Gumbel**

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