



TELLING OTHERS

The very last words Jesus said on this earth were: "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

Why does Jesus tell us to go and tell everyone? Simply because God is love and he loves every person so much that he sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship of love with him.

John 3:16 says, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." It is understanding this great love for us and others that should be our motivation to go and tell the world

about Jesus! And what a privilege that God gives us to do this!

But it can still be scary to tell others. Think about it like this...

Your favourite shop is having a sale, you've just booked an overseas holiday or you've got a new job - when something good happens to us we like to tell other people about it. Knowing Jesus is the best thing that could happen to us and so we should want to tell others.

In a world that tells us life is all about making the most of our talents and living well is success in our careers, finances and social lives, Jesus offers a different story.

Jesus liked broken people, hurting people, financially struggling people, and real people. He asked his friends to join him as they listened to people's

stories and shared meals with them. He told them God was much closer and concerned for them than they thought He was. Put like that, it doesn't sound so hard to share with people, does it? We're not doing this alone either - God is already working in the lives of people around us.

When we met people in our day it's good to check in with God with a simple prayer 'Is there anything you want to say to this person, God?'

We also need to make ourselves available to talk to other people: socialising with work colleagues so you can speak into their lives as a friend, moving beyond pleasantries, and leaving your cell phone in your pocket. God is intensely interested in the people around you, and wants us to help with the introduction.

Everyone deserves to have a chance to hear the good news that can change their life and give them hope both here and for eternity. It's our job as his disciples to do this. It's not scary because we don't have to make them believe, all we have to do is tell them – Holy Spirit does the rest.

"For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile." Romans 1:16

The Bible shows us how easy it is to invite others to Jesus.

John 1:41-42

Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter").

Check out other times this happened...

John 4:29

Luke 5:27-29

Acts 16:34

Telling others is our responsibility as followers of Jesus.

Romans 10:14

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him?

And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?

And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Check out more scriptures about this task...

Matthew 24:14

Mark 16:15-16

Luke 24:48

Psalms 96:3

We are not alone in this task. This is why Holy Spirit was sent to us.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Check out the other scriptures to back this up...

John 14:16-17

John 14:26

John 16:5-15

It is an honour and privilege to tell others about Jesus.

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who
brings good news,
the good news of peace and
salvation,

the news that the God of Israel
reigns!

And read Romans 10:15

Here's a few stories on the good news being spread around the world by the early disciples...

Acts 2:14-40 Peter preaching to 3000

Acts 8:4-25 Philip preaches in Samaria

Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 10:9-48 Peter tell Cornelius and his family the good news

Acts 13 Paul's first missionary trip

Acts 16 Paul's second missionary trip

Acts 16:25-36 Paul and Silas telling the prison warden about Jesus

Have you personally committed to following Jesus?

What will help you to tell others about Jesus?