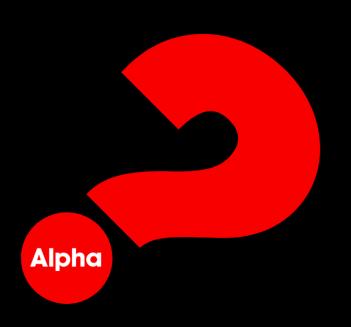
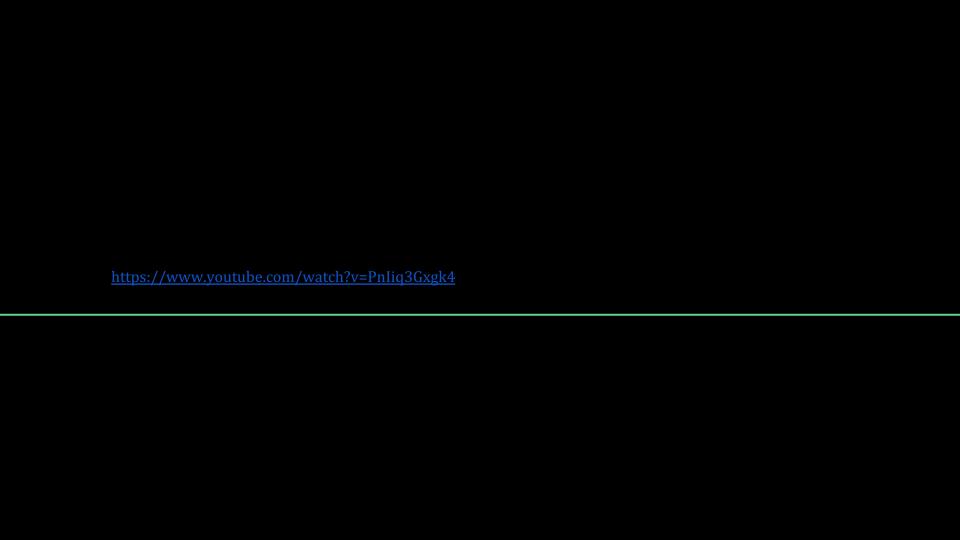
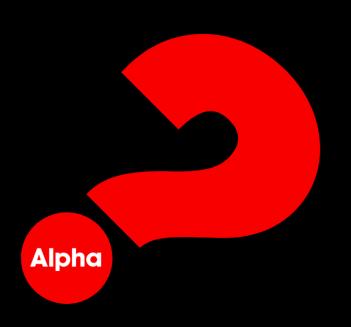
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# INVITATION ≠ IMPOSITION

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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**

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Two Extremes:
Insensitivity
OR
Fear
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# 1. Proximity

light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... Let your

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that."

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

**Martin Luther King Jr.** 

- 1. Proximity
- 2. Persuasion

Persuasion is the natural internal consequence of

being confronted with truth, beauty and goodness

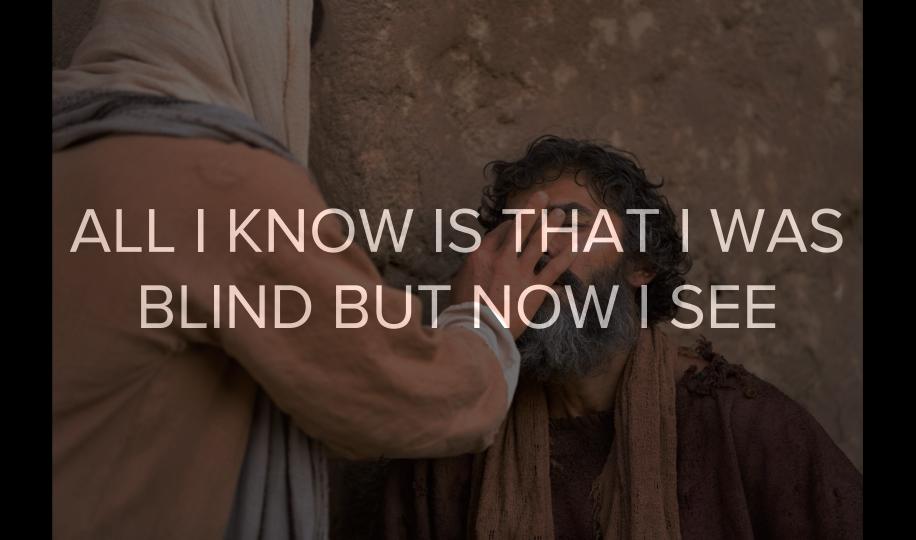
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The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples\* heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What 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).

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."

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





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

- 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?