

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

## Sermon Date

12 Sept 2021

## Bible Passages

1 Peter 3:13-16, 1 Timothy 2:1-6a

## Theme & Introduction

This was the first of three sermons aimed at helping us talk with others about our faith more easily. This first one deals essentially why our role in this is so important to God’s purposes.

Having copies of the printed sermon notes with you will help.

## Questions

1. How would you define Christian evangelism?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:12-16 and 1 Timothy 2:1-6a.  
Alan gave two big motivations for evangelism: Obedience to God and Love of People.  
Why do you think evangelism matters?
3. As a group, try the “further action 1” in the sermon notes, to read Luke 15:3-7 and pray:  
*“Lord Jesus, give me your heart for the lost. Let me ache as you do for each one of them. Amen”.*  
How can you encourage each other to pray this every day for a month?
4. Using the things you learned from the sermon (eg. about mistrust of institutions compared with personal relationships) discuss the impact of the four following communications on one of your not-yet-Christian friends.
  - a. A very well produced flyer through the door from St Oswald’s inviting you to an Alpha Course.
  - b. A great book about how to become a Christian that you gave your friend for Christmas.
  - c. A conversation about life’s problems in which you shared a little of how your faith helps you.
  - d. An invitation from you to accompany you to a carol service or a service to remember loved ones who have died.

In preparation for next week....

5. In recent years a quotation, “*Share the gospel everywhere you go, use words if you have to*” has been bandied around Christian websites, often attributed to St Francis of Assisi. He almost certainly never said it, but what are the strengths and weaknesses of that statement?