**Sermon Notes – Talking Jesus Course part 2**

**‘What motivates us?**

Jesus says; ‘Go…I am with you..’ but we often hesitate, even when we have the chance to talk to our friends and family about Jesus. Taking on Jesus’s challenge can seem difficult. But when we pray and go for it, it is thrilling to see how God uses us.

Read: Matthew 28:18-20

A casual conversation can change someone’s life. Watch the short film: ‘A beautiful view’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGBo6ys15cw&list=PLiOL-yjrmgvx1OPwyUZnhsXe-JrkDOguZ&index=12>

* What prompted you to become a Christian? The influence of family or a conversation with a friend or perhaps a random encounter with a Christian.
* Discuss together how you became a Christian and talk about any opportunities you’ve had (or missed) to talk about Jesus recently.

Watch the teaching video: ‘What motivates us’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmJHeUmeKaM&list=PLiOL-yjrmgvx1OPwyUZnhsXe-JrkDOguZ&index=7>

* Does sharing your faith feel like climbing an impossibly high mountain? What stops you sharing your faith?

In the teaching video, Philip feels compelled by God’s love to talk about Jesus. The outcome of a friendly chat with a neighbour surprised him.

* Describe an occasion when you shared your Christian faith. How did you feel before and after talking about Jesus? What was the outcome?

Alexia invited her university friends to church. Some came along. Others said ‘No’ but they remained friends.

* When did you last invite someone to church/Alpha? What happened? If they said ‘No!’ what happened next?

Andrew reminds us that we can be confident talking to others about Jesus, because it is Jesus who saves people, not us.

* Having watched two of the Talking Jesus videos, how do you feel about sharing your faith? What could ‘Go’ mean for you?
* Talk about what can help motivate you to share your faith when you feel tired or afraid?
* How can you be intentional this coming week about talking Jesus?

**Challenge.**

Think of the people you know – friends, family, colleagues, other members of the gym, choir, sports club… Which five people will you be praying for over the next few weeks? Ask for God to give you opportunities to share your faith with them. Remember one in five people we talk to wants to know more.

* Who could you invite to Alpha on Tuesday 20th September?