



THE TRUTH: KNOW, BELIEVE, SHARE, DEFEND

What is apologetics, and why do I need to ask questions?

“Rather than trying to learn all of the right words, have all of the right booklets, anticipate all of the right questions, and memorize all of the right intros and Scripture, we should approach evangelism with wisdom. This means that we become people who incarnate the gospel and speak of it freely because our hearts and minds have been captivated by it. Becoming people of wisdom and compassion is the prerequisite for any evangelistic technique.” (Randy Newman, *Questioning Evangelism: Engaging People’s Hearts the Way Jesus Did*)

Branches of Apologetics

- “Classical Apologetics” involves using _____ theology and _____ to prove the existence of God (The Argument of Motion, Governance, Design).
- “Evidential Apologetics” involves _____ and _____ evidence that prove the truth of Christianity (Lee Strobel, Answers in Genesis).

- “Presuppositional Apologetics” starts with the assumption that God _____ and the Bible is _____ (assuming the Bible is true, showing inconsistencies in other worldviews).

Uses of Apologetics

- Christians are called to “_____ and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God.” (2 Corinthians 10:1-6 ... 1 Kings 18:27, Isaiah 40:12-20, Acts 17:22-31).
- Christians must be on guard so that “no one takes you captive by _____ and empty deceit.” (Colossians 2:8)
- Christians must remember that “_____ comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

Why Ask Questions?

- Questions can help you recognize a _____ (Proverbs 14:7, 18:2, 23:9, Matthew 7:6).
- Questions can help you avoid an _____ (Proverbs 17:14, 17:19, 18:19).
- Questions can help you _____ before you speak (Proverbs 17:27, 21:23, 29:20).
- Questions can reveal which parts of the _____ you need to discuss (Acts 2, 17).

Questions to Ask

- Did you grow up going to church? What do you think it means to be a Christian?
- Really? You actually believe that? Why? What do you mean by that statement?
- So what? Why does that matter at all? Couldn't it be possible that _____?
- How do you know that? Have you always believed that way?

Listening Well

- Don't say, “_____, _____!” or “_____, _____?”
- Avoid _____ over peripheral issues.
- _____ is not helpful in evangelism.
- Avoid talking _____, like Job's friends.
- Don't feel _____ to listen to ranting or rambling.