

A Reasonable Faith

Christian Apologetics

Session 1: The Most Important Apologetic

LSB 802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayer

The Mission Field Today

The World Around Us:

- Post-Christian

- _____

- _____

- Modern (Enlightenment)

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

- Postmodern

- _____

- _____

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The People Around Us:

What are people saying?

What's it all about?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Key Starting Points

- Jesus loves _____
- Jesus loves _____
- He has sent us as _____ to this culture
- We need to _____ to reach them.
- Our Christian Worldview has been affected by _____

Introduction to Apologetics

1 Peter 3:15-16

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

“Answer:” _____

What is Christian apologetics?

- A _____ of the Christian faith based on _____ and _____.

Can we reason someone to faith?

What is the missional purpose of apologetics?

- Remove _____

The Goal of this class:

- That we might be better _____ to engage in faith _____ with non-Christians.
- That we will be able to _____ that invite people to articulate what they believe and why they believe it.

The Biggest Apologetic Evidence

The _____ of Christians

What do non-Christians think of Christians?

“UnChristian” by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons (2007)

Christians Are:

Description	Notes	What can I do?

Living Missionally

- Being transparent about our _____.
- Loving and serving others without an _____.
- Showing compassion and love to all people, regardless of their _____.
- Being engaged and _____ about the issues people face.
- _____ people, thinking biblically, and finding solutions to complex issues.
- Showing grace by finding the _____ in others and seeing their potential to be Christ followers.
- People do not care how much you know until they know how much you _____.

Apologetics and Discipleship

A summary of missional living: _____

Asking questions of others requires that we know the answers for ourselves

- Knowing _____ we believe
- Knowing _____ we believe it

It's all about _____

Homework

- Keep talking, thinking, praying about the UnChristian/Living Missionally lists.
- Scripture Memorization
 - 1 Peter 3:15
 - Matthew 22:37
- Passages to Study
 - Psalm 19
 - Romans 1:18-20
 - Romans 2:14-15
 - Acts 17:16-33