

APOLOGETICS:

SHARING & DEFENDING YOUR FAITH

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Topics to be Discussed this week...

- ✠ 8 Principles of Sharing Your Faith
- based on Acts 17
- ✠ Techniques for Engaging in
Conversations with Others about
our Faith

8 Principles of Sharing Your Faith

1. Evangelizing should always start with the heart (compassion).
2. Compassion leads to action, to take that step of faith.
3. Present the Gospel message.
4. Don't water down the Gospel message.

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5. Find a common ground with whom your sharing with.
6. Natural revelation - God reveals Himself through nature.
7. Condemnation - God will judge the world in righteousness.
8. Regeneration - being born-again.

TECHNIQUES FOR ENGAGING IN CONVERSATIONS

THE BASICS...

- ✠ We don't want to ridicule or put down anybody, but we do want to challenge them.
- ✠ The Christian takes the initiative by asking questions.
- ✠ Our Goal: Try to get in control of the conversation so that you can manage it.
- ✠ Matthew 22:37 - "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
- ✠ Sometimes when we share our faith, we might present it in a way that may turn people away...we must be careful!

GAIN INFORMATION

* Start by asking questions to gain information.

* Ask questions like:

1. What do you believe?
2. Why do you believe it?
3. How do you know that?

REVERSE THE BURDEN OF PROOF...

If you make a claim about something, then it's your job to defend that claim...this is called the Burden of Proof.

Example #1

“The Bible is full
of errors...”

Example #1 - Answer...

- * The teacher is making a claim that the Bible is full of errors...
- * The burden of proof is on the teacher!
- * Ask the teacher: “Why do you believe the Bible is full of errors?”
- * Chances are, when you question others about their claims against Christianity, they don’t have a real answer for you because most of the time people repeat what they hear others say without having proof for what they believe in!

Example #2

“All religions are the
same...”

Example #2 - Answer...

- * Again, the teacher is making the claim here.
- * The burden of proof is on him.
- * Ask the teacher: “In what way are all religions the same?”

Two Key Questions...

1. What do you mean by that?
2. How did you come to that conclusion?

Remember: When you ask the questions, you bear no burden! The pressure is not on you!

Answering Questions from Others...

- * Persistent questions...
- * If you get cornered...
- * If someone gives you a good challenge, write it down and do your research so that you will be ready for that one next time!

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ANY QUESTIONS?