

INTRODUCTION TO THE APOLOGETICS WORKSHOPS



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The problem? Friends in the Church, people we know, are being confronted with these questions.

- How do I know God exists?
- How do I know the Bible is correct?
- Why do some scientific arguments seem to make sense even though they contradict what I understand Scripture to say?
- Isn't God a little harsh?

Some are falling away or never seriously considering their need for Salvation.



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1 Corinthians 9:19-23

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. **And this I do for the gospel's sake**, that I might be partaker thereof with you.



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Vessels of Honor



Understanding Honor and Dishonor

Application Strategies

1. Prioritize Love and Humility
2. Choose Your Battles
3. Maintain a Teachable Spirit
4. Use Scripture as Your Guide
5. Practice Active Listening
6. Establish Boundaries
7. Focus on the Gospel and the Fruit of the Spirit
8. Pray for Wisdom and Guidance
9. Lead by Example
10. Build Genuine Relationships



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Internal doctrinal questions

- Calendar calculations
- End Time events
- Name usage
- Mode of Baptism
- Worship service structure
- What Mosaic commands apply to new covenant believers.



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- Apologetics goal
 - Change the heart so the message is acceptable.
 - Help the offended understand that it is their offense at the message that is wrong, not the message.
 - Provides Godly, loving edification for those having difficulty in or coming to faith.
 - For people both inside and outside of the Church.



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Workshop agenda

APOLOGETICS-WHY?

DOES GOD EXIST?

CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

FAITH AND SCIENCE INCOMPATIBLE?

IS GOD TOO JUDGMENTAL OR HARSH?



SEE YOU THERE!

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