

Truth for Doubt: Conversational Apologetics

Goals:

1. To equip local believers with answers to the question, objections and difficulties that non-believers around them have.
2. To build the faith of local believers by showing them we do not simply believe in blind faith.
3. To embolden local believers to spread the Gospel to as many people as God allows by creating lasting relationships with non-believers.
4. To see the name of God glorified.

Curriculum Overview

1. **Apologetics 101** (Est. 5 weeks/ 1:30 hr. length)- In Apologetics 101, you will learn the primary arguments against Christianity and how to answer them.
2. **Gospel Articulation** (Est. 2 weeks/ 1 hr. length)- In Gospel Articulation, you will learn the different facets of our salvation and how to tell someone of our hope in Christ in conversation.
3. **Conversational Methodology** (Est. 3 weeks/ 1 hr. length)- In Conversational Methodology, you will learn how to take the information gained from the previous classes and apply them in actual conversations.

Specific Class Breakdown

1. **Apologetics 101**

- a. **Week 1:** *What is Apologetics: Establishing Our Worldview*
 - i. This week you will learn what apologetics is and isn't. We will also establish what a worldview is and why it is crucial to understand our own.
- b. **Week 2:** *Establishing the Christian Worldview and Uncovering The Post-Modern Mind*
 - i. In this week's lesson, we will see how the Christian worldview answers life's biggest questions and explore the specific arguments of relativism that abound in today's culture.
- c. **Week 3:** *Aren't All Religions the Same?*
 - i. This week we will answer the question, "Aren't all religions the same?". Gospel worldview expounding
- d. **Week 4:** *Sin and Suffering*
 - i. Often, the biggest objection non-believers have to Christianity is how a good God can allow evil in this world. This week, we will see how the Bible answers this question and how morality rests on the existence of God.
- e. **Week 5:** *Morality and Science*
 - i. How science and morality meet in the Christian worldview (Transcendental Argument)
- f. **(Alternate):** *Miracles and The Supernatural*
 - i. Does modern science disprove the possibility of miracles? In this lesson, we will determine if the scientific method has disproven the possibility of the miraculous.
- g. **(Alternate):** *Abortion*
 - i. How to defend the Biblical pro-life stance on abortion

2. Gospel Articulation

a. Week 1: *What is the Gospel?*

- i. In this first lesson, we will learn what the Gospel message actually is.

b. Week 2: *The Multi-Faceted Gospel*

- i. There are many different aspects of our salvation. This week we will look at what all the blood of Christ accomplished.

3. Conversational Methodology

a. Week 1: *Why a Lesson on Conversations?*

- i. It is one thing to know facts, it is another thing to employ them in a real life conversation

b. Week 2: *Where to Begin?*

- i. How do we effectively begin a conversation?

c. Week 3: *Navigating Tough Conversations*

- i. This lesson will help you to recognize logical fallacies to avoid being cornered in a conversation.