

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

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1 Peter 3

1. Peter begins his famous verse on apologetics with the admonition to “honor Christ the Lord as holy.” Why must this be the first step in evangelism and apologetics?
2. Billy Graham honored Christ as Lord in his heart. He was known to quote John 3:16 into his microphone during sound checks before interviews. When asked why, he said, “If I’m not able to clearly communicate the gospel in my interview, at least I’ll know the cameraman heard it.” How can you share the gospel in the “sound checks” of your life?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:2. Even though Paul was writing to a young pastor, how does his admonition to Timothy relate to Peter’s charge to “always be ready?” What do you need to do to be more prepared to make a defense?
4. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote, “Do not defend God’s Word, but testify to it...Trust the Word.” How has God’s word sustained you during difficult times in your life? How can your testimony to the goodness of God’s word be a defense of the Bible to non-believers?
5. Why is gentleness and respect so important in apologetics and evangelism?
6. Pastor Craig talked Sunday about keeping the “main thing the main thing” in evangelism. Jesus and his gospel is the main thing. What can distract you from the main thing in spiritual conversations?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize 1 Peter 3:15. Talk about how you can work to help each other be more prepared to share the gospel.