

The Reason for Our Hope: An Introduction to Apologetics

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Lesson One: What is Apologetics?

Introduction: A Tale of Two Mormons...

Discussion Question: Have you ever struggled with answering a friend's question? Are there questions about your own faith?

– What does the word “apologetics” even mean?

– Is it biblical?

Supporting Text

“But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15)

“To be sure, some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of good will. These preach out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel” (Philippians 1:15-16)

“That he [potential elder] will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it” (Titus 1:9)

“We demolish arguments and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

Concluding Question: Can you think of some practical reasons for Christians to be disciplined in apologetics?