

Week 12 // Becoming Everyday Apologists: *Practical Wisdom for Conversations*

From Knowledge to Lifestyle

- If the last 11 sessions were about filling the toolbox, this session is about how to use those tools in the real world.
 - Apologetics is not foundationally a list of arguments; apologetics is a lifestyle.
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*“We are not merely to believe certain things;
we are to be certain of them, and then live accordingly.”*
– C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

The Framework of Faith – A Review of the Course

- The Resurrection of Jesus
 - The Reliability of Scripture
 - The Existence of & Goodness of God
 - The Harmony of Science & Faith
 - The Uniqueness of Jesus
 - Sexual Ethics & Human Flourishing
 - Failures of Christians & the Church
 - Other Worldviews & Philosophies
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The Lifestyle of an Everyday Apologist

- There are two essentials that an **Everyday Apologist** must have:
 - *The Ability to Reason*
 - *The Character of Christ*
- The **Everyday Apologist** must:
 - *Speak the Truth in Love*
 - *Practice Empathy and Active Listening*
 - *Model Intellectual Humility*

The Paradigm and Posture of an Everyday Apologist

- Be **Conversational**, not **Confrontational**
 - Build **Relational Bridges**, not **Rational Arguments**
 - Offer a **Dialogue**, not a **Monologue**
 - Have a **Co-Traveler Perspective**, not a **Salesman Approach**
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The Power Source for Apologetics

1. A Consistent Prayer Life
 2. Scripture Memory and Meditation
 3. Personal Reflection and Accountability
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Next Steps and Practical Application

1. Be **BOLD** in sharing Christ
 2. Be **HUMBLE** in listening
 3. Be **DILIGENT** in learning
 4. Be **DEPENDENT** on the Holy Spirit
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