



TRUTH POINT
EQUIPPING THE CHURCH • ENGAGING THE CULTURE

Our Mission:

Equip the church to discover, deliver & defend the truth of God's Word and engaging the people, ideas, and issues in God's World.

Visit our website: www.TruthPointApologetics.org

FINAL THOUGHTS

- ➔ Start where you are, not where you want to be (Don't "fire-hose" yourself)
- ➔ You will face spiritual warfare (awkwardness is part of it)
- ➔ Be honest about pain/suffering/struggles (including your own)

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FEELINGS VS. TRUTH

Among the most accepted lies in our culture today is that everyone's "truth" is equally viable and acceptable. This ideology is based on the belief that feelings and experiences are the basis of truth. This is particularly evident when it comes to issues of morality, relationships, politics & religious beliefs. Instead of people seeking out truth & then choosing to believe it or reject it, they seek out what makes them feel good & choose to call it truth



WHAT ARE YOUR PLATFORMS FOR ENGAGING OTHERS?

Public Conversations

Stores, restaurants, street witnessing etc.

Personal Conversations

At home, at events or activities with family/ friends/neighbors

At work with co-workers

Public Audiences

Small Group • Social Media • Church • Christian Conference • Pastoring

****Your strategy for engaging is connected to your context (long term vs. short term) & your gifting.****

IMPACTING YOUR NEIGHBORS ISN'T AN ACCIDENT

Prayer – God gives us His power & His heart through prayer (prayer walks)

Planning – brainstorm & decide on a strategy (who, how, when & where)

Preparation – do the practical & relational things to put the plan in motion

Process – step out in faith...engaging others will have an ebb & flow

Presence – you can impress people from a distance, but you can impact them up close (John Maxwell)

ASKING GOOD QUESTIONS ABOUT HAPPINESS

- Where do you think happiness comes from?
- What happens when something that used to make you happy stops making you happy or becomes painful?
- Have you ever met anyone who doesn't seem to be tossed around emotionally by their circumstances?
- Now you have the opportunity to talk about the difference between happiness and joy. Biblical joy is the result of having the hope & peace of Jesus and choosing to live by eternal truth instead of present circumstances or feelings.



SOME GOOD QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK

- I. Why do you think so many marriages end up in divorce?
- II. Where does the concept of love originate?

After asking these questions, you'll now have the opportunity to share that God is the source of love & that the Bible defines & applies it to real life & real people (1 Corinthians 13:1-7...a choice, not a feeling).

HOW JESUS SENDS US

Matthew 9:36-10:7

- Shows them the need
- Tells them to pray
- Calls them to Himself
- Empowers them for the work
- Tells them what to do and how to do it
- Warns them of the cost
- Sends them out into the world
- Biblical Apologetics Matters

BIBLICAL APOLOGETICS MATTERS

What if we only told people how to get married, not how to be married?

Biblical apologetics gives God's people important tools to...

1. Have a vibrant and growing relationship with God in our cultural context
2. Apply truth to everyday relationships and situations
3. Effectively engage people for God in ways that are relevant, rational & relational

THE BIBLICAL GOSPEL & SIN

The Biblical Gospel deals with justification, sanctification & glorification.

- Justification – deals with the penalty of sin legally
- Sanctification – diminishes the power of sin internally, morally & relationally
- Glorification – deposits you into God's presence literally

PREPARE TO GO!

Get ready by knowing the Gospel
Get ready by living the Gospel
Get ready for sacrificing & struggling
Get ready by learning TRUTH!
Get ready by praying
Get ready by preaching the Gospel & engaging the culture
Get ready for God to do amazing things!
GO!! GO!! GO!!

BIBLICAL APOLOGETICS

Biblical Apologetics (1 Pet 3:15; 2 Tim 2:15; Heb. 5:13-14)

- **Discovering** what the Bible says, why it says it and how to apply it
- **Defending** the fact that the truth in God's Word is consistent with life and truth in God's world
- **Delivering** that truth in purposeful, powerful, wise & winsome ways

For Believers:

Increase Your Worship • Build Your Faith • Enhance discipleship • Fuel Evangelism

For Unbelievers:

Engaging people's minds with truth & answering their questions about legitimate roadblocks to biblical faith!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 • 2 Timothy 2:15 & 24-26 • Hebrews 5:13-14 • 2 Timothy 4: 2 & 5
• Acts 17:2-4 & 16-31

