

DISCUSSION GUIDE



**"Defense and Spiritual
Warfare" (1 Peter 3:8-22)**
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WELCOME & WORSHIP *Meet at the front of Sanctuary.*

WORD [1 Peter 3:8-22](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message? Why?
2. **Read 1 Peter 3:8-14 and Matthew 10:28.** "It's easy to act like a Christian; it's tough to react like a Christian." Gleaning from these passages, how are we to act and react to our enemies?
3. **Read verses 1 Peter 3:15-16.** "Evangelism is the _____. Apologetics is the _____."
 - In your own words, what is apologetics? What is it *not* about?
 - Referencing v. 15-16, what is the rational response to the objections people bring up about Christianity?
4. **Discuss the G.O.D, the acrostic introduced and its teaching on the Cosmological, Teleological and Morality arguments.** What stood out to you most from these 3 arguments? How might you use it in your defense (and reasonability) of the Gospel?
5. *"Evangelism and apologetics are twin pillars upon which the outreach of the church is built...God has ordained both evangelism and apologetics, and the obedient church is faithful to both tasks"* – R.C. Sproul. **Why do we need to use apologetics and evangelism together?**
6. **Read verse 17-22.** Peter uses an apologetic approach of taking a popular story (in those times) and connecting it to a real-life event to make a theological point—an approach we can also use (PBG gave many examples). **Discuss ways we can use this approach to share Biblical truth.**
7. **Baptism**—Discuss the meaning of Baptism and what the power of this sacrament in spiritual warfare?
8. **Application.** What is God impressing upon you from Sunday's Word and tonight's discussion. How can you faithfully respond?

WITNESS This week, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see a new perspective of culture and "the world" through the lens of the Gospel. Take time to marry evangelism and apologetics for the purpose of sharing the Good News to those who need to know Hope of Christ.