

Disciples Church

A Firm Foundation

Presuppositional Apologetics vs. Evidential Apologetics

Week of July 11, 2018

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. Read Proverbs 1:7.
   1. The Bible defines biblical knowledge as wisdom and instruction, which is only accessible to someone who is truly saved by Christ’s blood. Is being able to reason and think the same thing as true knowledge?
   2. Can a nonbeliever understand true knowledge?
      1. Why?
   3. How does the fear of the Lord produce knowledge?
   4. What is the point of knowing things if you are a nonbeliever? *Think about this for a moment. Nonbelievers spend their lives searching for meaning and building empires, but what is their aim? Why do they do these things?*
2. John Gill says, “Unless a man knows God, knows God in Christ, and worships him in his fear, in spirit and in truth, according to his revealed will, he knows nothing as he ought to know; and all his knowledge will be of no avail and profit to him.”
   1. Think through this for a moment. Gill says that the nonbeliever knows “nothing as he ought to know.”
      1. What does true knowledge produce?
   2. What is the point of knowing things if you are a believer? Why should we study anything? What is our aim in pursuing study? (Hint: Think of the great commission.)
3. What is the difference between presuppositional apologetics and evidential apologetics?
   1. What are some of the key differences between the two schools of apologetics?
4. Should we argue the evidence with a nonbeliever?
   1. Why or why not?
5. Presuppositionalists claim that their theology shapes their apologetic.
   1. What does that mean?
6. Do people with different worldviews view the evidence differently? How does a person’s worldview influence how he/she views the evidence?
7. Synergism is the idea that our salvation is accomplished together between man and God. How is this idea non-biblical?
   1. Do we get the credit for any part of our salvation?
   2. What is monergism?
8. What is the purpose of evidence for the Christian?
9. How has tonight’s lesson challenged you? What questions do you have? How are you confused? Remember to send questions for the Q&A session to [questions@discipleschurch.com](mailto:questions@discipleschurch.com)

*\*\*Close by spending some time in prayer.*