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Disciples Church

A Firm Foundation

Structure of a Biblical Defense

Week of July 18, 2018

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. 1 Peter 3:13-17 gives us some biblical parameters for defending the faith. Read this passage. What are some of the key concepts that we began the lesson with?
2. There are three main areas of life that Christians should strive for consistency in. How are you doing in these three areas? How can others in the group be praying for you/helping you grow in regards to these areas?
3. Read Colossians 4:5-6. What patterns do you see here and in 1 Peter 3:16-17? Give at least two reasons why these repeated commands are so important.
4. In your handout, you were given three key points in regards to “a careful approach.” Which of these three points do you do well, and which of the three do you struggle with and why?
5. Read Proverbs 26:4. What does it look like to “Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself”?
6. Read Proverbs 26:5. What does it mean to “Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes”?
7. What is the A.I.P. checklist? How are these three categories helpful when defending the Christian faith?
8. Considering the Proverbs don’t answer/answer strategy and the A.I.P. checklist, take turns answering these objections to Christianity. Remember to consider what Scripture says about the topics and apply that to your answer!
9. “If God is all powerful and good, then evil cannot exist; therefore, God is either not all powerful or not good. Since your Bible claims God is both, then your Bible is false and so is your God.”
10. “Christians have committed the world’s worst atrocities; how can anything that evil be good or have a good God as its foundation?”
11. “You cannot claim that your God is the only truth. There are hundreds of different religions in this world that claim to have gods. There is no such thing as truth; I can’t have truth and neither can you. All humans can have is what seems most likely.”
12. “We don’t need a god to have morals. Morals are just out there. They exist, and people know them. I don’t believe in God, but I have morals, so clearly they don’t prove that God exists.”