1. Spiritual Disciplines

Lesson 3: Wednesday September 8th, 2021

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**LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Spiritual Discipline: Apologetics**

1. How would you define Christian apologetics?
2. What are the two main parts to this discipline?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:13-16.
	1. What parts of this passage were you least familiar with?
	2. In what ways has tonight’s lesson helped you to understand the fullness of these verses?
4. When it comes to being prepared to give a defense, what are the tools you have and in what ways should you be using them in your preparation?
5. What does it mean to honor Christ in your hearts when it comes to defending your faith?

1. Why would setting aside scripture not honor God when you defend your faith?
2. If God has given enough evidence to hold the unbeliever accountable for their lack of acknowledgement and thanks to Him, why do we so often try and point to evidence in creation to convince others there is a god? Do you see the error in this way of defending your faith?
3. Apologetics done in a Christ honoring way require us to know scripture and what it declares about God and man. Do you think your current study of God’s word is sufficient for this? What are some ways you could improve this if it is lacking?
4. I quoted an apologist that has been very helpful for me in my study of apologetics. He said to, “read your bible and believe what it says.” After tonight’s lesson do you better understand what this means? In what ways have you perhaps misapplied truths of scripture when it comes to apologetics?
5. When you consider defending your faith with someone, what is the most difficult or challenging part of the actual interaction for you? What things can you do to be better prepared and more comfortable in this situation?
6. Time permitting, leaders ask you group members to see if they can answer this objection to Christianity with scripture: “You’re god cannot exist according to your bible because of the evil in this world. Either your god is not all powerful and cannot stop the evil or your god is not good and does not want to stop the evil.”