

Young Evangelism/Apologetics Training

Home Church 2017 – Three Weeks

Week 3 – Navigating Gospel Conversations

Intro and Review Basics – 10 Minutes

Review of the Basics of Evangelism – Paul Washer -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gQuiC_ef9Q - (5 minutes)

Go over cards

Review worldview basics

What is a world view?

Does everybody have one?

What difference does it make?

World View Impact

The Spiritual Battle

Evangelism is not primarily intellectual. Moral and spiritual

Romans 3:9-18 – None who seek God

Remember, be in the Word and be in prayer!

The Myth of Neutrality – NO ONE is neutral

Some people you talk to, and especially atheists/agnostics, with claim they are looking at the evidence neutrally. They are not. Everyone has a world view, and is biased.

Reminder of Romans 1, Psalm 53 (none seeks God)

Two things to remember about neutrality. They're not, and you shouldn't be!

Abandoning the Bible. Don't!

You're not called to be neutral. You're called to be Christian.

Basic Logic

Still an amateur, but finding it more and more useful

In our modern day we are taught what to think, not how to think

We need to learn how to think!

Chain of Reasoning (keep very basic)

Making an argument

I think A is true because of B and C

All mammals have kidneys

All dogs are mammals

Therefore all dogs have kidneys

False premises

All mammals have kidneys

All lizards are mammals

Therefore all lizards have kidneys (they actually do)

False conclusions

All mammals have kidneys

All lizards have kidneys

Therefore all lizards are mammals

Logical Fallacies –

Evolution and Logic Fallacies – Dr. Jason Lisle – https://youtu.be/5K-Q6mbEMYc?list=PL0L9WF_KijaJuGuJ6qt9yvmj2e5lot1-U (13:30 – 19:48) – 6 Minutes

Reification – Applying concrete characteristics to an abstract (personification)

Don't fool with Mother Nature!

Science/Evolution found a way.

Either there is sufficient evidence, or there is not!

Watch for worldview assumptions

Bait and Switch (Equivocation) – Changing the meaning in the middle of an argument

Evolution (change within kinds vs. molecules to man)

We know evolution is true because we see evolution all the time

Science - scientific method vs. an unproven scientific model such as evolution. Forensic science)

Do you believe in science? Then you should believe in evolution, but evolution is science!

Christians say this, but science says that. Science doesn't say anything (worldview assumption)

Begging the Question/Circular Reasoning

The conclusion is part of the argument

Miracles are impossible, because they contradict scientific laws

We know evolution is true, because creation is impossible!

Name Calling/Biased Language (question begging epithet)

Creationism vs. Science

Facebook!

Either/Or (bifurcation) – Assuming there are just two options, when there are more

I Don't need faith. I have reason. (Faith and reason are not mutually exclusive)

You can believe the Bible or you can believe science (Science only possible because the Bible is true)

Straw Man

Attack a false understanding of someone's view

You can never fit all the species of animal on the Ark!

Asking for complex scientific details in the Bible. Doesn't the Bible tell us everything?

Basic Tactics – Most Powerful

Colombo tactic – Review Basics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eF70xjPirHo> (5 minutes)

Asking good questions to keep control and shift the burden of Proof back to them

What do you mean by that?

How did you come to that conclusion?

Have you ever considered that?

Many people have NOT thought through why they believe what they believe.

Common knowledge vs. Common ignorance

An assertion is not an argument

Role Playing

Guidelines

Ask good questions. Use the Columbo Tactic

Don't make up answers. If you don't know, say so, and look for follow-up

Always circle back to the law of God

Atheist who thinks the Bible is full of mistakes

God is evil and not worth worshiping

Christians are nothing but hypocrites

Science tells us the Bible is wrong. There is no scientific evidence for God

The Bible has been translated over and over again

The stories in the Bible were just taken from ancient pagan religions

Someone who accepts homosexuality

Homosexuality is natural. It occurs in the animal world.

I have the right to do what I want. What I do in my bedroom is no one else's business.

You can't legislate morality.

Final Thoughts and Reminders:

- **This is a spiritual battle. Be in prayer and be in the world.**
- **Know the basics of the Gospel FIRST! Always circle back to this.**
- **Ask lots of questions and learn to be a good listener.**
- **Learn the basics of good thinking. Learn the basics of logic and mistakes in logic.**
- **It's OK if you don't know the answer. It's not OK to stay there. Study to show yourself approved.**

Week Three Resources

Living Waters University – 130+ witnessing clips from Ray Comfort -

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL26524DA9664D92C5>

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Logic and Faith – Dr. Jason Lisle - <https://youtu.be/jkNVQGgk2jl>

Gregory Koukl: Tactics for Discussing Christian Convictions - <https://youtu.be/ns4ZCgim6jg>

Tactics for Defending the Faith (full audio)

Tactics Part 1 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5Efd_AlOC8

Tactics Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5TsLLGyWLO>

Tactics Part 3 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxookLRuYg>

Additional Resources

James White – Is the Bible the Word of God? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDUhGCh7pu0>

James White – The Reliability of the New Testament - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpyKqsubC6c>

The Reliability of the New Testament (Full Message) – James White - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuiayuxWwul&t=1890s>

Ultimate Proof of Creation – Jason Lisle - <https://youtu.be/CvRy6AjeyLc>

Why is the Idea of Moral Neutrality a Myth? – Greg Koukl - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbB1hnW8l4Y>

Has the Notion of Tolerance Been Twisted? – Greg Koukl - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDF1z0qh-4g>

Does Atheistic Morality Make Sense? – Jeff Durbin - <https://youtu.be/2rPClooYmgM>