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Evangelistic Opposition

How to Respond to Objections



1. Expect _____

* Mt.5:11-12; Jn.15:18-20; Mt.10:25; Jn.7:7; Mt.10:16-18; Jn.17:14-16; 1Pt.4:12; 1Jn.3:13; et al.

2. Understand _____



3. Know _____



4. Invest _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Describe a situation in which your efforts to share the "good news" of Christ was met with strong opposition.

Look up and review a few of the verses listed under the first point on the front side of this worksheet. How do those verses help you to weather the opposition with a good attitude?

2. What are some of the insidious and ungodly motives that tempt your heart to engage in heated and unconstructive arguments when your evangelistic efforts are met with antagonistic opposition?

How would you identify the reasonable point to "back off" when a discussion about Christ is crossing into a counterproductive debate?

3. Why is it helpful to identify what "kind of opposition" you are facing when presenting the gospel?

4. Read **1 Peter 3:14-15**. How can you be better prepared to make a defense for your confidence in Christ? Which resources listed below would be most helpful for your preparation?

Bible Reading Schedule

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

January 31st

Ex.25-26 & Mt.21:1-22

February 1st

Ex.27-28 & Mt.21:23-46

February 2nd

Ex.29-30 & Mt.22:1-22

February 3rd

Ex.31-33 & Mt.22:23-46

February 4th

Ex.34-36-22 & Mt.23:1-22

February 5th

Ex.37-38 & Mt.23:23-39

February 6th

Ex.39-40 & Mt.24:1-22

February 7th

Lev.1-3 & Mt.24:23-51

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0821 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**

CD # 0818 – **Gospel Crazy: Confident in Its Veracity**

CD # 0563 – **Ashamed? Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**

CD # 9721 – **An Upside Down World: Trusting God When Right Doesn't Seem Right**

CD # 0530 – **Grappling with Doubts by Revisiting God's Imprimatur on the Truth**

CD # 0023 - 0028 – **The Big Questions** (a six-part series on the veracity of Christianity)

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

Blomberg, Craig L. **The Historical Reliability of the Gospels**. InterVarsity, 1986.

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Habermas, Gary and Michael Licona. **The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus**. Kregel Publications, 2004.

Habermas, Gary R. **The Risen Jesus and Future Hope**. Rowman & Littlefield, 2003.

Lewis, Gordon R. **Testing Christianity's Truth Claims: Approaches to Christian Apologetics**. Moody Press, 1976.

MacArthur, John. **Nothing But the Truth: Upholding the Gospel in a Doubting Age**. Crossway Books, 1999.

McGrath, Alister. **Intellectuals Don't Need God & Other Modern Myths**. Zondervan, 1993.

Moreland, J.P. **Love Your God with all Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul**. NavPress, 1997

Pache, Rene. **The Inspiration and Authority of Scripture**. Moody Press, 1969.

Ramm, Bernard. **Protestant Christian Evidences**. Eerdmans, 1954.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20th Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.

Sproul, R.C. & et al. **Classical Apologetics: A Rational Defense of the Christian Faith**. Zondervan, 1984.

Wilson, Bill, ed. **A Ready Defense: The Best of Josh McDowell**. Thomas Nelson, 1993.