

# — Apologetics —

## DEFENDING THE FAITH

### LESSON #1: INTRODUCTIONS TO APOLOGETICS

**What you will find:** This lesson provides some definitions, an example of apologetics, a brief word about reason and faith and, finally, some reasons why we should practice apologetics and some “rules” for apologetics.

#### PART 1 OF VIDEO

Imagine you are talking to a skeptical friend about Jesus. How do you start a conversation about him?

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What do we do with this character named Jesus: Four options:

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What is “apologetics”? *Apologia* = \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 3:15)

What is the role of education in apologetics?

How is apologetics a “ministry of caring?”

Who is the target audience of apologetics?



**VIDEO BREAK:** Discuss together what you learned about apologetics and the connection of the four L’s to it.

#### PART 2

What is *reason*? What is *faith*? How do we reconcile them?

- o What is the *ministerial* use of reason?
- o What is the *magisterial* use of reason?

1 Corinthians 1:10-12 – What’s the connection between our reason and God’s Spirit?



**VIDEO BREAK:** Discuss the proper place of faith and reason in apologetics and the difference between ministerial and magisterial uses of reason.



### PART 3

What are four reasons why we practice apologetics?

Reason 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 4. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the five rules of apologetics?

Rule #1 Always keep the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

Rule #2 Ask more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.

Rule #3 Never give \_\_\_\_\_ they don’t have.

Rule #4 Always speak with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Rule #5 You don’t need to prove \_\_\_\_\_ only \_\_\_\_\_  
and hopefully \_\_\_\_\_.



### VIDEO BREAK:

1. Why should we practice apologetics?
2. What is the importance of the five rules of apologetics?
3. Why is apologetics not about winning an argument?
4. What do we mean that there are no “homeruns” in apologetics?



### CLOSING THOUGHTS