

LET'S GO

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▶ VIDEO SEGMENT 1



BREAKOUT SESSION

Play video until asked to pause.

Have each group discuss the question and jot down different ways a Christian might respond. After the time you allot is complete, ask a reporter from each group to share one response they jotted down. Go from group to group asking each to share one response. Continue around the room until all of the responses have been shared.

In your group, jot down as many different responses as you can to the objection: “The church is full of hypocrites.”

▶ VIDEO SEGMENT 2



BREAKOUT SESSION

Play the video until asked to pause.

Ask participants to discuss in their groups. When sufficient time has passed, restart the video.

Recall a time when you asked someone what they meant by what they said, and their answer surprised you. Share with the others in your group.

▶ VIDEO SEGMENT 3

Play the video until asked to pause. Ask participants to fill in answers to the question below as they watch the video.

Professor Paustian shares three types of questions you can use when witnessing. Jot down the purpose for each type of question as he explains it.

Type 1: “WHAT do you mean by...?” / “WHAT does it mean when you say...” / “Help me understand this.”

This is where you genuinely accept the burden of understanding and generously explore the other person's meaning.

Type 2: “WHY do you think that's true?” / “HOW have you come to think that way?”

This is where you draw out the other person's story that seems to them to make their view of Christianity make sense. Or you call up whatever evidence or rationale is getting in the way for them.

Type 3: “Have you thought about...?”

This is where—if you are ready—you at last begin to introduce your message or the truth as it relates to the particular person before you. You're no hurry to get here.



BREAKOUT SESSION

Ask participants to choose a partner. One will play the role of the skeptic. The other will play the role of the Christian. Remind them that the skeptic's position is that Christians are hypocrites. After a few minutes, have them switch roles.

When the pairs are finished role-playing, give each group a few minutes to discuss each question.

Choose a partner and role-play the Columbo Approach.

When you are finished role-playing, discuss the following questions:

1. What just happened? What was challenging for you? What worked well? What did you learn?
2. Was it surprisingly easy to play the role of the skeptic? Talk about that.
3. How will this sort of activity help you in your life as Christ's own ambassador?



VIDEO SEGMENT 4

Play the video until it is finished. Then, discuss the homework assignment.

HOMEWORK: Spend some time this week asking Christians in your life open questions about them and their faith-life. Remember that open questions often start with "What..." "How..." "tell me about..." or "Help me understand..."

In the video, Professor Paustian included examples such as:

Tell me a hymn verse or scripture that means so much to you right now.

What should I be praying for when I think of You?

Where is God in all your struggles? What's happening with your faith right now?

Practice being genuinely curious and wanting nothing other than to want to learn more about them.