

8. How can knowing “why you believe what you believe” help change the culture? What stops you from studying, researching and learning apologetics? How can you make it more of a priority in your life and the lives of those around you?

9. Up until now where have you learned the most about what you believe? Which of the following would you be more likely to do...study the scriptures, read a book, research on the web, engage a friend in deep dialogue, or learn from apologetic scholars on YouTube?

10. Read John 14:26. The best way to learn is to have the guidance and instruction of the Holy Spirit. Take some time now and ask God to give you and your group discernment and wisdom in knowing the evidence of why you believe what you believe.

A 1st Chair Faith For The Mind?

APOLOGETICS is knowing the evidence, of why you believe what you believe. (*II Timothy 2:15*)

5 reasons to be intellectually faithful:

1. God **COMMANDS** it. (*Matthew 22:37*)
2. You can shape our **CULTURE**.
(*Acts 17:22-24; Philippians 1:3-7, 15*)
3. You can have greater **BOLDNESS** in sharing your faith.
(*I Peter 3:15*)
4. It will help **TRANSFORM** your life. (*Romans 12:2*)
-Keep you from heresies. (*I Thessalonians 5:21*)
-Strength for when trials come. (*James 1:2-6*)
5. Equip you for your **MINISTRY**. (*Matthew 28:19-20*)

Tools to use:

- **HOLY SPIRIT** - help for wisdom and discernment.
- **Commitment** to God’s Word.
- **Investigate** the culture.
- Be a student of **CHRISTIAN** apologetics.
(ie: Ravi Zacharias, Josh McDowell, Lenny Esposito, Lee Strobel)

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of June 6, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What are some questions you have had in the past or present day about faith, God and Christianity? Who has answered these questions and in what context? How has finding answers to your questions helped strengthen your faith?

2. Have you ever met someone that was outright hostile to Christianity? What were they like? What might be the various factors that would drive a person's skepticism?

3. Read Matthew 22:37. How are the three things that God wants you to love Him with different? Which one is the easiest for you and why? What are some ways that you can love God more with your mind?

4. Read I Peter 3:15. What reasons for hope do we have? What hope does Christ's life and death provide? What situation seemed hopeless to you until God brought hope?

5. Atheism provides no hope for life after death, how might this motivate you to share Christ with them?

6. If you had answers to the typical questions that non-believers have about "why there is suffering in the world", proof of "Christ's resurrection", or the "historical credibility for the scriptures", would you be more likely to share your faith? Why or why not?

7. How have you seen culture take a stand against the God of the Bible? What risks do you take in standing up against culture at your work place, in the class room or with your friends? Do you believe we are in a war of ideas or fighting strongholds as it says in II Corinthians 10:4-5?