

Evangelism Class #15 Outline - Preparing for Objections

1 Peter 3:14-15

- **What:** Give reasons for our hope. **How:** With gentleness and reverence. **Why:** Because Jesus is sanctified in our hearts.

1. Be Honest if you Don't Know

- Don't make stuff up to defend God. Don't defend truth with lies.

2. Be Humble if you Don't Know

- Don't make stuff up to "save face" and defend yourself. Don't get angry/defensive if you don't have the answers.

3. There are Some Things we Can't Know

- **Deuteronomy 29:29** - Don't apologize for what God didn't tell us, don't speak for God either.
- **Key:** Can almost always point people in a helpful direction based on what we DO know.

4. Be Willing to Do Research

- **2 Timothy 2:15** - Don't need to be experts, but will need to do research if we're going to help people through objections.
- Research the Bible, apologetics books/articles, and material objectors give us.

5. Be Sympathetic

- **2 Timothy 2:24-26** - Intellectual sympathy, emotional sympathy, and volitional sympathy.
- Try to understand why they have objections and be gentle.

6. Praise Good Objections

- At least they're thinking enough to form objections!
- **Benefit:** Shows them God isn't afraid of their questions.
- **John 20:25-29** - Jesus invites examination, He doesn't run from it!

7. Be Brief

- Most people don't know much and only need to know that there are answers.
- Don't need a huge presentation.

8. Use Illustrations

- Most objections stem from misunderstanding. Paint a picture and relate it to what they already understand.

9. Aim for Clarity, not Agreement

- They don't have to agree, just make sure they understand our answer.

10. Point People to Jesus, the Ultimate Answer

- Jesus is the answer to every objection.
- **1 Peter 3:15** - HE is the reason for our hope.