

Conversational Apologetics: Principles from 1 Peter 3

Many of our apologetics encounters will be in one-to-one conversations with friends, colleagues or family members. This session will delve into 1 Peter 3:13-16 to discover its timeless wisdom for responding to others' questions with gospel hope. In doing so, we will discover the character apologists must develop, the importance of relationships and the values and skills that shape effective apologetic conversations.

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I. What is apologetics?

II. You – the apologist

A. Qualities to develop

1. Confidence
2. Preparedness

B. Attitude matters

1. Gentle
2. God-fearing

III. The hope that is in us (the gospel)

IV. A context

A. Why this question now?

B. Three aspects

V. A questioner

A. People are diverse

B. Assume need, but nothing else

VI. A question

A. Wisdom from Proverbs

B. An opportunity for what?

C. The main questions

VII. A response

A. Effective answers

B. When you don't know

C. Using questions well

VIII. Christ the Lord