Community Group Discussion Guide

Introduction to Apologetics

**Watch the Introduction to Apologetics teaching video.**

**After viewing the video, discuss the following questions with your Community Group:**

1. Prior to viewing this video, what was your perception of apologetics? How has your perspective changed since viewing this video?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What does it mean to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ? How disciplined are you at taking every thought captive?
3. Apologetics happens through cooperation with the Holy Spirit. How do we cooperate with the Holy Spirit?
4. Read Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 22:37-39, and 1 Peter 3:15. How do these scriptures outline the role of the mind in our lives as disciples?
5. What are the differences between apologetics, evangelism, and discipleship? How are they related?
6. What is a recent apologetic action you have taken? What was the outcome?
7. What are your spiritual gifts? How you these gifts influence your practice of apologetics?
8. Consider the two examples of a person we could minister to (senior college student in a philosophy major vs. ministering to someone in their fifties, who is an accountant, and just lost a loved one). How would you minister to the senior college student? How would you minister to the accountant?
9. Read Acts 13, 14, and 17. How does Paul shift his ministry approach based on different demographics?
10. Who in your sphere of influence doesn’t yet claim Jesus as Lord? Brainstorm with the group some ways you can cooperate with the Holy Spirit and create circumstances for the individual to respond to the Holy Spirit.

Resources

*Love Your God with All Your Mind* – J.P. Moreland

*Kingdom Triangle* – J.P. Moreland

*Mere Christianity* – C.S. Lewis

*Simply Christian* – N.T. Wright

*The Allure of Gentleness* – Dallas Willard