

Applied Apologetics

*Words that Witness...
within a
Walk that Worships!*

INTRODUCTION

Our aim is to better equip biblical believers “to do the work of the ministry,” by in-part, enhancing their witnessing capacity & missional effectiveness.

PREVIEW

Tim Keller’s “The Reason for God” video series:

- “Isn’t the Bible a myth?”
- “How can you say there’s only one way...?”
- “What gives you the right...?”
- “How can a good God allow suffering?”
- “Why does the Church do so much wrong?”
- “How can God send good people to hell?”

I. Agony

II. Apathy

III. Apology

IV. Adversity

V. Adversary

VI. Anthropology

VII. All-about-ME!

AGONY

("I hurt too much to believe in your God.")

Facts: ALL pain is the byproduct of SOME sin.

Faith: see Jesus, Mary & Martha after the death of Lazarus
(Jesus wept... and works wonders!)

Final: Christ's cross & crucifixion exemplify agony.

APATHY

("I really couldn't care less.")

Facts: Every knee WILL bow & tongue profess Jesus is Lord

Faith: Two thieves & the Roman guard at the cross...
(One thinks He can't help me, the other thinks He can't hurt me)

Final: Christ's cross and crucifixion defy apathy!

APOLOGY

("God could/would never forgive me...")

Facts: There is no sin too big for our Savior.

Faith: Saul's conversion to Paul...

Final: Christ's cross & crucifixion extend hope to all.

ADVERSITY

("Being a Christian is too hard.")

Facts: BE-ing Christian is grace-fully simple... just not easy.

Faith: See the parable of the soils (cf. Simon & Demas)

Final: Christ's cross & crucifixion have DONE what you & I could never DO.

ADVERSARY

("You're a narrow-minded, pin-headed bigot!")

Facts: Children of the devil will always fight the children of God.

Faith: "You are either for Me or against Me." (see 1st John)

Final: Christ's cross & crucifixion guaranteed our victory...
His empty tomb validated the victory!

ANTHROPOLOGY

("The natural man has an answer for everything.")

Facts: Mankind is a mess... no matter what men say.

Faith: Solomon: "Vanity, vanity, all of life is vanity."

Final: Christ's cross & crucifixion are humanity's answer...

ALL-ABOUT-ME

("I will/won't if I want to...")

Facts: 99% obedience = 100% disobedience

Faith: See the Rich Young Ruler's encounter with Jesus...

Final: Christ's cross & crucifixion were *for* (not *about*) you.

CLOSE

Please take note of this training's take-away principles:

1. Seek out the lost.
2. Create missional context.
3. Contextualize without compromise.
4. Always be respectful & accept your limitations.
5. Always follow the Holy Spirit's biblical leadings.
6. Remember: Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
7. Active listening in love-centered conversations is essential.
8. Missional conversations often build missional relationships.
9. Missional relationships under-gird pillars of eternal bridges.
10. Without love, we are clashing cymbals & a resounding gong.

Let's Pray!