



I. Introduction

- A. When someone makes a negative comment about our faith, we oftentimes do not know how to _____.
- B. People generally don't criticize _____.
- C. Peter gives us an extraordinary insight and tip on how to be _____ when people bring up faith.

II. An Answer for Our Hope

- A. The message of Christianity in the first century was a hard _____.
- B. Peter says “be prepared to defend your _____ and confidence in Christ.”
- C. Peter very clearly ties his personal hope in Jesus into the _____.

III. Responding with Gentleness and Respect

- A. We should respond with gentleness and _____.
- B. Selfless, generous, compassionate living cannot be attacked, questioned or defeated.
- C. Peter says “there's no way to get around _____. Why not suffer for doing good?”

IV. Application

- A. We need to answer the question “why have you chosen to follow _____?”
- B. Our response: I believe Jesus died for my sin and rose from the _____, based on the evidence.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

One of the most frustrating things about being a Christian is the questions people ask about what you believe. If you had fifteen minutes, you could answer. But what are you supposed to say in just a few seconds? How do you defend your faith without losing your mind?

Monday: Acts 1:7-8

Jesus sent his followers out to tell people about Him. This resulted in thousands of people following Jesus in the first few days of Christianity. How did you end up attending church? What drew you there?

Tuesday: Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus makes it clear that we are to create new followers of Him. The idea of spreading the message of Jesus is known as *evangelism*. When you hear the word “evangelism,” what comes to mind? Is your response to the word positive or negative? Why?

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:6-8

Talk about a time when someone shared his or her faith with you. Did that person defend a Christian worldview, the Bible, or church doctrine? Or did that person explain his or her personal hope in Jesus? How did you respond?

Thursday: 1 Peter 3:15-16

What does it look like for someone to talk about his or her faith with gentleness and respect?

Friday: Hebrews 13:7-8

Who is a Christ follower in your life whose faith you admire? What do you admire about that person?

MOVING FORWARD

When someone wants to know why you chose to follow Jesus, his or her question will probably focus on lifestyle choices, the church, Old Testament stories, or miracles. But the question you should answer is, “Why Jesus?” Give the answer Jesus’ followers have been giving since the first century: the reason you’re a Jesus follower is the resurrection. If there were no resurrection, there would be no faith.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Respond, B) Jesus, C) prepared. IIA) sell, B) hope, IIC) resurrection. IIIA) respect, B) good, C) suffering. IVA) Jesus, B) dead..