

Apologetics and Evangelism Syllabus
Summer 2023

Class Description:

This class is devoted to equipping High Schoolers in defending the Gospel of Jesus Christ through learning how to answer life’s difficult questions using the Word of God. The class will focus on topics regarding truth, how the Bible was written, the Bible and science, and the Gospel versus other worldviews and faiths. The course will also focus on how we are to speak the truth in love, and to defend our faith with gentleness and respect.

Class Objectives:

- To defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:15)
- To let the Word of Christ dwell richly, in order to have a biblical worldview (Colossians 3:16)
- To be more equipped to handle God’s Word (2 Timothy 2:15)
- To be equipped to not be deceived by error but speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:11—16)
- To build boldness in evangelism (Ephesians 6:19)
- To be encouraged to stand firm in the truth of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Class Schedule:

Date	Topic
6/4/23	Intro to Apologetics and Evangelism
6/11/23	No Class (Hume Retreat)
6/18/23	Bibliology
6/25/23	Truth and Worldview
7/2/23	The Bible and Modern Culture, Politics, & Ethics
7/9/23	No Class (Missions Trip)
7/16/23	The Bible and Science
7/23/23	Islam
7/30/23	Christian Cults (Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, etc.)
8/6/23	Eastern Religions and Philosophy (Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism etc.)
8/13/23	No Class (Leadership Retreat)
8/20/23	Occultism, New Age Religions, Atheism
8/27/23	Roman Catholicism

Helpful Resources:

Carlson, Ron and Decker, Ed. *Fast Facts on False Teachings*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1994.

Geisler, Norman L. and Jimenez, Jason. *The Bible's Answers to 100 of Life's Biggest Questions*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing Group, 2015.

Holcomb, Justin S. *Know the Creeds and Councils*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.
Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 2001.

Markos, Louis. *Apologetics for the 21st Century*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010.

Martin, Walter. *Kingdom of the Occult*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2008.

Mason, Eric. *Urban Apologetics: Restoring Black Dignity With the Gospel*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2021.

McLaughlin, Rebecca. *10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) About Christianity*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2021.

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Oliphint, K. Scott. *Know Why You Believe*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017.

Reeves, Ryan M. and Hill, Charles E. *How We Got Our Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2018.

Rhodes, Ron. *Reasoning From the Scriptures with Catholics*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2000.

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