



# ANSWERING THE ***TOUGH QUESTIONS*** ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

## INTRODUCTION

LESSON #

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### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 PETER 3:14b-16 (NIV); ACTS 17:1-3, 17-20, 32 (CSB); 2 TIMOTHY 1:13, 2:1-2 (CSB)

1. **BEING \_\_\_\_\_ TO GIVE THE REASONS FOR THE HOPE WE HAVE HELPS US DO SO WITH \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 PETER 3:14b-16 (NIV)

2. **EVANGELISM FOCUS: BEING PREPARED TO GIVE THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR OUR HOPE HELPS US PREPARE THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO HEAR THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

ACTS 17:1-3, 17-20, 32

3. **DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS: BEING PREPARED TO GIVE THE REASONS FOR OUR \_\_\_\_\_ HELPS US PREPARE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF BELIEVERS TO LIVE \_\_\_\_\_ IN A CHALLENGING WORLD.**

ACTS 1:7-11

### APPLY

- List names of people you know whom you think fall into the relativist, antagonistic, apathetic, and unfamiliar categories.
- Think about the questions they might ask. Study those topics so you are "prepared" to provide a reasoned reply and to respond with "gentleness and respect."
- Pray about starting spiritual conversations with them based on their current beliefs. Trust God to guide you and begin to initiate conversations with them.



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NEXT WEEK'S PREVIEW



## LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK...

### LESSON #2

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

PSALM 14:1-2, PSALM 10:4, GEN 1:1, ROM 2:12-15

### THE LESSON AT A GLANCE

Everyone has a worldview, whether they can define it or not. It is the “filter” or “lens” through which a person analyzes events around them and their own experiences so they can make sense of the world. Whether they realize it or not, a person starts to develop a worldview based on how they answer the question, “Who’s in charge?”

People use reasoning daily to make sense of the world around them. An honest appraisal of the world using reasoning provides sufficient evidence for the existence of God.

### THE MAIN IDEA

Questions non-believers may have about Christianity can be grouped into three categories, the first being “Is Christianity true?” Fundamental to the answer to this question is a belief in a god. Four common “reasonable justifications” are provided in this lesson that Christians can use to show both non-believers and maturing believers that it is both logical and reasonable to believe in God.

### QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

*How can you believe in a god? Isn't faith in a god just a crutch for the ignorant or emotionally immature?*

*Why should I believe God exists?*

