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MISSIONAL APOLOGETICS TRAINING

SESSION 5 : PRACTICAL MISSIONAL APOLOGETICS & CONCLUSION

AGENDA

- Session 1 Review
- Session 2 Review
- Session 3 Review
- Session 4 Review
- Questions
- Why should we think about missional apologetics?
- How to start a faith related conversation?
- How to build relationships?
- Divine Appointments
- How can be engaged with others about our faith?
- Next Steps

SESSION 1 REVIEW

- Survey Review
- Discussion on Current Evangelism Methods
- Evangelism and Results
- Challenges in Post Modern Generation Outreach
- Methodologies
 - Agnosticism
 - Atheism
 - Rationalism
 - Fideism
 - Pantheism etc.

SESSION 2 REVIEW

- **Absolute vs Relative Truth**
- **Worldviews**
 - Naturalism
 - Pantheism
 - Theism
 - Spiritism and Polytheism
 - Postmodernism
- **Truth – God- Jesus –Action Framework**

SESSION 3 REVIEW

- Is it Ok to have questions about faith & God?
- What should we do with all the questions?
- How does different views change the answers?
- Some guidelines for dealing with questions?
- Belief Systems – “isms”
- Questions about God
- Questions about Jesus Christ
- Questions about the Bible
- Questions about Christian Doctrines

SESSION 4 REVIEW

- Review Questions
- How can we trust that gospel accounts are correct? - Criteria for historical document validity
- The Challenges of Science
- What is a person-centered approach?

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST TROUBLING QUESTIONS?

- Note down the questions to send responses later.

WHY SHOULD WE THINK ABOUT MISSIONAL APOLOGETICS?

- We live in a post modern culture and we should think about reaching the growing majority including youngsters.

DIALOGICAL APOLOGETICS

- It is a person- centered approach
- It is an approach to apologetics that focuses on dialogue, sensitivity, and personal persuasion.
- Every assessment of the case for Christianity is made by real people who have unique agendas firmly in place is true and we should try to understand the agenda was reassuring.
- Apologetics at theory and practical side is important is something we often forget.
- An apologetic conversion includes developing a proper set of attitudes, listening carefully, being emotionally sensitive, using evidence, being patient, and inviting a response.
- 'Who You Are Counts Most' - the character of the apologist speaks volumes; often more than his or her arguments for Christianity.

HOW TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS?

- Relationship can take long time
- “Trust” is established with time
- Build relationships one at a time
- *Be friendly and make a connection*
- *Ask people questions*
- *Tell people about yourself.*
- *Accept people the way they are.*
- *Assume other people want to form relationships, too.*
- *Overcome your fear of rejection*
- *Be persistent.*
- *Invite people to get involved.*
- *Enjoy people*

HOW TO START A FAITH RELATED CONVERSATION?

- After basic conversation,
 - Ask about other persons faith and beliefs
 - Be willing to listen to understand the others
 - Be open to share about your faith
 - If challenged, be patient and calm knowing that other person comes from a different viewpoint
 - Don't allow difference in faith be the reason for you to avoid someone

DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

- Pray for Divine appointments
- Utilize your divine appointments trusting in God
- Always be open to have conversations

HOW CAN BE ENGAGED WITH OTHERS ABOUT OUR FAITH?

- “Present Christ” vs “Argument”
- We should be prepared and equipped to answer questions and be engaged for a long time.
- We should stand for our convictions. Otherwise we will not be able to convince other person.
- If you believe that God is real and Jesus Christ is not a myth and the Bible is true then you can expect the Holy Spirit to work in people’s life.

NEXT STEPS

- Complete Survey 3 : Post –Training Survey
- Review what we learned in 5 Sessions and create some practical application steps based on your circumstances
- Start researching and studying about topics you are interested in knowing more.
- Send your questions to me and you can expect a response/ discussion time or may be a session on that topic.
- We can have 1 session studies about on topics of interest.