

# **HOW TO HANDLE HARD QUESTIONS**

1 Peter 3:14-16

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*But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 1 Peter 3:14-16*

## **How can you handle hard questions when sharing the gospel?**

### **1. Check for a smoke screen.**

- A. Is this really the issue that is hindering them?
- B. Is this just an endless argument or a genuine concern?

### **2. Turn questions back to the cross and the empty tomb.**

- \* Always try to stay focused on Jesus.

### **3. Don't be afraid to say, "Good question. I don't know."**

- A. No one has all the answers.
- B. Ask them their answer.

### **4. Know some basic answers to key questions.**

- A. What about the subject of suffering and evil?  
*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. Romans 5:12*
- B. What about the subject of Jesus being the only way?  
*And there is salvation in no one else. Acts 4:12*
- C. What about the subject of those who haven't heard?

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. Romans 1:18-20*

D. What about the subject of God sending people to hell?

*Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly? Genesis 18:25*

E. What about the subject of the Bible?

*... for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. 2 Peter 1:21*

**A question for skeptics: are you an honest doubter?**