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For Youth Leaders

Helping you make disciples who make disciples

Apologetics Without the Bruises

Theme: Our goal should be to use apologetics to lovingly get people to think.

Apologetics [uh-pol-uh-jet-iks] "the branch of theology concerned with the defense or proof of Christianity."

- ◆ Apologetics is God showing Himself to be true.
 - God has given us reasons to believe.
 - The Bible contains 300 major prophecies about Christ, literally fulfilled in Christ.
- ◆ How to use apologetics properly:
 - Use apologetics as a crowbar, not a sledgehammer. Learn **The 4-1 Defensive Formation**¹ (Four questions/One statement)
 - What do you mean by that?
 - How do you know it to be true?
 - What difference has it made in your life?
 - What if you're wrong?

If they ask you a question you don't have the answer to, say, "I don't know but I'll find out."

- Recognize that there is a force more powerful than apologetics.

Matthew 10:19-20

- Soul Apologetic happens when we are dependent on the Holy Spirit to guide us to the inner core of a person's soul so that we can gently expose the "why" behind the "lie" of what they believe.

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- Use apologetics in love to foster real conversations, for the Gospel is the ultimate power when it comes to transforming a life.

Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

For Further Thought...

- ◆ Have you ever been in a sledgehammer situation where winning a spiritual argument became more important than winning a soul?

- ◆ What do you think of the old adage: "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"?

- ◆ Have you ever experienced a time when showing genuine concern for someone caused them to turn to you for spiritual guidance or prayer?

- ◆ What can you do to help your students learn these principles?

¹Source: Bill Jack and Andrew Heister