

Leadership Group Guide /

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Leadership and Apologetics

WORD

(20 MINUTES)

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain . . . **HEBREWS 6:19**

. . . but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect . . . **1 PETER 3:15**

We should *always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks* us why we believe in God and the gospel. To "make a defense" means to uphold the gospel's authenticity with reasoning and evidence. To "prepare" means to actively equip ourselves with this evidence. Our hope in God and the gospel is a *sure and steadfast anchor of the soul*, founded on God's unchangeable character and purposes. Because of this, we can and should examine the evidence for our faith.

This evidence can be seen in creation: *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork*; God's *eternal power and divine nature* can be clearly seen through His physical creation (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20). We can seek the evidence of God's creation through His Word, which consistently proclaims it throughout the Bible. We can see it even in our lives, as we realize how God worked and works in and through us. Because of this, seeking evidence of our faith will only confirm and verify it. Then, *with gentleness and respect*, we will help others come to a deeper understanding of our hope and faith.

DISCUSSION

(50 MINUTES)

1. Are you absolutely convinced that the gospel is true? How can you start learning more about the evidence for your faith this week?
2. How can you encourage those in your Victory group to actively seek evidence for the truth of their faith? What tools (e.g. *God's Not Dead; Man, Myth, Messiah; The GOD Test*) can you go through together?
3. As you become equipped with evidence for your faith, name a family member or friend to whom you will preach the gospel. How can you present evidence for your faith this week with gentleness and respect?

PRAYER

(20 MINUTES)

1. Thank God that your hope in Him is a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. Pray that you will continue to be absolutely sure of His promises and purposes for your life.
2. Pray that you and those in your Victory group will always honor Christ as holy, prepared to give a defense for the hope that is within you, with gentleness and respect.
3. Pray that as you are equipped, God will open doors for you to engage your family members and friends with the gospel. Pray that their eyes would be opened to the truth and that they would be led to Christ.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.