



STAND FIRM

APOLOGETICS COURSE

Videos + Study Guide available at
sbtexas.com/standfirm

The **Stand Firm Apologetics Course** is designed to strengthen Christians' faith by presenting compelling evidence for the truths of Christianity, and equip Christians to share and defend the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stand Firm is a sixteen-lesson video-driven introductory apologetics course that may be used for group or individual study. The individual videos are each about half an hour long and should be viewed prior to answering the discussion questions. Discussion leaders and individual students may research the topics by reading the recommended books and visiting the recommended web sites.

Beyond the suggested books and web sites included in the individual lessons, we also recommend the forthcoming book "Stand Firm" by Dickinson, Gould & Loftin to be published by Broadman & Holman as well as the following websites:

- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/evangelism/c-33
- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/confident-christianity/c-57
- sbtexas.com/onlinetraining/missions/c-28

Lesson Order

- 1 **A Rational Romantic Approach to Apologetics** Paul Gould
- 2 **Truth** Travis Dickinson
- 3 **The Bible** Travis Dickinson
- 4 **Does the Universe Indicate God's Existence?** Keith Loftin
- 5 **Does Science Disprove Miracles?** Keith Loftin
- 6 **Who is Jesus?** Paul Gould
- 7 **Resurrection** Keith Loftin
- 8 **Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?** Paul Gould
- 9 **The Exclusivity of Christ** Travis Dickinson
- 10 **Reaching Out to Catholics** Bruno Molina
- 11 **Reaching Out to Mormons** Bruno Molina
- 12 **Reaching Out to Jehovah's Witnesses** Rudy Gonzalez
- 13 **Reaching Out to Muslims** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 14 **Reaching Out to Hindus** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 15 **Reaching Out to Buddhists** SBTC People Group Missionary
- 16 **Standing Firm & Going Out** Travis Dickinson

15 Reaching Out to Buddhists

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 It is easy to see the idols that our Buddhist friends worship; what idols are problematic in your own life and in our Christian culture?
- 2 How do you feel encouraged by the suggestion that you don't need to become an expert in Buddhism, but rather, share as an expert on Jesus?
- 3 Does it surprise you to learn that, for most Buddhists, their religion is much more about what they do, (ritual) than what they believe (theology)? How can you use that fact to shape your sharing of the gospel?
- 4 What do you think of the Buddha dying of food poisoning in his old age? Do you see conflict between his assertion that he was enlightened and the miserable manner of his death?
- 5 How do you see that comparing the life and person of Jesus with the life and person of the Buddha could be helpful in sharing about the one true way to God?
- 6 Were you surprised to hear that a growing number of Americans are turning to Buddhism as a godless religious option? Do you know anyone who has experienced that?
- 7 How do you feel about the fact that hundreds of thousands of Asian Buddhists have moved to the state of Texas? Do you view that as more of a problem or an opportunity?
- 8 What bridges for the gospel have you found helpful in your conversations with Buddhist friends?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

BOOKS

- The Lotus and the Cross by Ravi Zacharias
- The Religions Next Door by Marvin Olasky
- Peoples of the Buddhist World by Paul Hattaway
- Jesus in a New Age, Dalai Lama World by M. Tsering

WEBSITES

- rzm.org
- carm.org
- 4truth.net