



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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 How is the notion of truth characterized?
- 2 Truth is said to be a relation. What two things does truth relate?
- 3 How does truth make logical reasoning possible?
- 4 How does a correspondence view of truth address someone who denies the objectivity of truth? What's the problem with denying absolute truth?
- 5 Why is the following statement of postmodernism absurd and self-refuting? "All of us are biased and situated in the perspective of our local community. Since there are no metanarratives and no perfectly objective perspectives, we only see the world according to our own local narrative and cannot break out of our situatedness to see whether our narrative is objectively true."
- 6 What are some aspects of reality that you think are the strongest indicators of God's existence?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

BOOKS

- True For You But Not For Me: Overcoming Objections to Christian Faith by Paul Copan
- Reclaiming the Center: Confronting Evangelical Accommodation in Postmodern Times by Millard Erickson
- Truth Decay: Defending Christianity from the Challenges of Postmodernism by Douglas Groothuis
- Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air by Francis J. Beckwith and Gregory Koukl

WEBSITES

- leestrobels.com
- reasonablefaith.org
- rzim.org
- seanmcdowell.org
- thepoachedegg.net