



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 does the case for Christianity turn on how we view the biblical account? Do you agree with this statement?
- 2 How is reliability different from inerrancy?
- 3 How early does the creed contained in 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 date? What is the relevance of this passage to the dating of the Gospels?
- 4 The Gospel of Luke dates to around twenty years after the events it describes. In our age of instant news, twenty years sounds like an extremely long time gap. How do you address someone who says that a twenty-year old account is likely not reliable?
- 5 In what ways is Scripture unique?
- 6 What is the distinction between a difference and a contradiction? How does this help us respond to someone who says that Scripture is riddled with contradictions?
- 7 How does the beauty and richness of Scripture speak to its reliability?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

BOOKS

- Can We Still Believe the Bible?: An Evangelical Engagement with Contemporary Questions
by Craig Blomberg
- In Defense of the Bible: A Comprehensive Apologetic for the Authority of Scripture
by Steven Cowan and Terry Wilder
- Cold Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels
by J. Warner Wallace

WEBSITES

- 4truth.net
- seanmcdowell.org
- leestrobels.com
- reasonablefaith.org
- rzm.org
- thepoachedegg.net