



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

5 Does Science Disprove Miracles? Keith Loftin

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What is the significance of the Apostle Paul's willingness to hang the entire credibility of Christianity on the truth of one miracle (1 Corinthians 15:14)?
- 2 Non-Christians such as Richard Dawkins tell us there's an intellectual divide, with science/evidence on one side and faith/myths on the other. We've seen this is a false distinction, but what are some things Christians do, say, or think that might actually encourage this false idea?
- 3 Keeping in mind that "scientism" is the view that we can only have knowledge (instead of mere opinion) of that which is discoverable or provable scientifically, what are some ways in which scientism is incompatible with Scripture?
- 4 In addition to its being incompatible with Scripture, what are some reasons that scientism is inadequate and unacceptable as a theory of knowledge?
- 5 Having seen that miracles and science are not in conflict, how ought Christians to think about science in general? With hostility? Eager cooperation? Fear? Indifference?
- 6 In terms of your faith, what difference does it really make whether science and miracles are in conflict?
- 7 In many cases, public school science curriculums encourage scientism (thereby suggesting that science and miracles are in conflict). This raises a number of issues, but what can we—the church—do to better equip junior high and high school-age Christians to think correctly about science, scientism and miracles?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

BOOKS

- To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview by Beckwith, Craig & Moreland
- I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist by Norman L. Geisler & Frank Turek
- Miracles: What They Are, Why They Happen, & How They Can Change Your Life by Eric Metaxas
- Miracles by C.S. Lewis

WEBSITES

- rzm.org
- leestobel.com
- reasonablefaith.org
- crossexamined.org
- sciencereasonfaith.com
- thepoachedegg.net
- 4truth.net