



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

8 Why Does God Allow Pain & Suffering? Paul Gould

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Which version of the problem of evil do you struggle with the most? The intellectual or emotional?
- 2 Why do you think the problem of evil is so difficult for modern man? Does the contemporary view of happiness as sensual pleasure have anything to do with it?
- 3 Couldn't God create a world where people are free but always do good?
- 4 Which theodicy seems most compelling to you? Why?
- 5 Do you agree or disagree with the claim that we are just not in a position to know in all cases God's morally justified reason for permitting evil?
- 6 How is, paradoxically, God the only solution to the problem of evil?
- 7 Discuss how God's answer to the problem of evil is the only possible answer that is ultimately satisfying.
- 8 Discuss a time when you personally experienced suffering. What was helpful to you during this time?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

BOOKS

- Making Sense out of Suffering by Peter Kreeft
- The Problem of Pain by C.S. Lewis
- A Grief Observed by C. S. Lewis
- God, Freedom and Evil by Alvin Plantinga

WEBSITES

- str.org
- crossexamined.org
- confidentchristianity.com
- rzim.org
- leestrobels.com
- reasonablefaith.org
- thepoachedegg.net
- seanmcdowell.org
- 4truth.net