



Series: Established in Jesus
Passage Colossians 4:5-6
Title Answering Tough Questions
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Discussion Starter

What position do you take on answering the tough questions from the outside world about your faith as a Christian? Do you embrace these questions or do you try to avoid them at all costs? In either case, what is your reasoning or motivation?

The Wisdom of God's Word (Colossians 4:5-6)

- What does it mean to walk in wisdom to those who are outside? What biblical elements are necessary for this to happen and what is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? Read Acts 6:10 and Hebrews 4:12. What additional insights do these verses speak to when it comes to walking in wisdom to those who are outside?
- How would you describe what redeeming the time looks like for you from what you know and from your own experiences? Read Ephesians 5:15-16. What message is Paul conveying to us in these verses?
- What are some of the important things to remember if we want to be a person whose speech is always with grace, and seasoned with salt? In a practical sense what does this look like? What does the salt represent? Read Ephesians 4:29. What is the purpose of our speech according to this verse?

Apologetics

- How would you define the meaning for Christian apologetics? What might turn someone off from engaging in apologetics? Read 1 Peter 3:15. How does this verse apply to apologetics, and what do you see as some of the key takeaways to remember before engaging in discussions about the Christian faith?
- What is the most important point of having an apologetic discussion with those who are outside the faith? What are the things that we need to watch out for? Read Romans 1:16. What additional insights can we see on apologetics from this verse?
- What does it mean to plant the seeds and remove the weeds when it comes to apologetics?

Apologetic Questions & Answers

- In what ways do you see evil manifesting itself in our world today? How must we be careful using apologetics when people have recently experienced suffering or trauma from evil? How should we approach this situation?
- How would you answer these questions? If God is love why does He allow evil in the world? If God is all powerful, why doesn't He remove evil right now? Why does He allow people to suffer so long with diseases like cancer? How can an all loving God send someone to Hell for eternity?
- Why is it so important for us to be prepared to answer these tough questions?