

Chapter 10: Common Objections

Up For Discussion:

1. Is not knowing the answers to some questions a reason to not give the gospel? (Page 123) _____
2. What is the best response to an argumentative objection? (Page 124) _____
3. What must we do when we are frustrated by the questions asked? (Page 124) _____

Crucial Point:

Have the right priorities when answering people's questions. A person who has all the right answers, but fails to give the gospel, does less for the cause of Christ than someone who doesn't know very many answers but gives the gospel to everyone he can.

However, a person who gives the gospel and can answer several objections can reach many more than he could have if he never learned the answers to those objections.

Being ready to give answers is important, but don't let it replace giving the gospel. They must go hand in hand.

Make It Personal:

1. Do you avoid some witnessing opportunities because you are afraid of not being able to answer an objection? _____
2. Are you afraid that something might be discovered and prove the Bible is false? _____ If so, stretch your faith and assume that God is right. Then study history, archeology, science, etc. and you will see it clearly matches what the Bible says. God is not worried that you will find a mistake in His Word. If you're not afraid, give the gospel with confidence that the truth is on your side. They cannot give an objection that is going to prove the Bible wrong.

Assignment:

Ask someone next to you to give you a question or objection. First, write the question or objection down. Then, write a response that leads back to gospel. Feel free to take the time to find the answer if you don't know a good response.

Question or objection:

Answer:

Up For Discussion:

1. If someone uses an excuse like they are a good person, what is a good verse to use? (Page 133) _____
2. If God can save Saul of Tarsus, what person is “too bad” to be saved? (Page 134)

3. Does God **send** anyone to Hell? (Page 137) _____

Crucial Point:

People use the hypocrisy of believers as a reason to not become a believer. They are wrong to use someone else’s sin to justify their own sin of unbelief, but it still is a very common reason to avoid trusting Christ. Because we know that people will use this as an excuse, we need to do our best to not be hypocrites. Obviously, none of us are perfect, but we can live a life of faith. As James says, we ought to show our faith by our works.

Make It Personal:

1. Many people never take the time to think about their destination after death. Often, the reason they never consider it is because nobody takes the time to ask them about it. Do you offer to show people how they can know they’re going to Heaven, or do you miss opportunities because you are waiting for them to bring up the subject?

2. Have you ever met someone who said they want to go to Hell because their friends are there? How did you respond, and would you respond differently next time?

3. People blame God for the bad things in the world, but don't trust Him for the good things He offers. When talking to such a person, what are some things you can tell them about God?
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Assignment:

Circle the Scripture reference that you think would best answer the objection.

Objection: I will think about religion when I'm old and about to die.

- (a) Luke 15:10 (b) 2 Corinthians 6:2 (c) Isaiah 40:31

Objection: I'm a good person.

- (a) Isaiah 64:6 (b) Matthew 18:20 (c) John 11:35

Objection: God doesn't know what I've done.

- (a) Luke 15:20 (b) Jeremiah 29:11 (c) Psalm 139:1

Objection: I don't want to go to Heaven because I have friends and family in Hell.

- (a) John 21:25 (b) Job 1:20-21 (c) Luke 16:27-28

Objection: If God is loving, how could He send anyone to Hell?

- (a) John 3:17 (b) 1 John 5:4 (c) Ezekiel 3:19

Memorize:

2 Timothy 2:24-25 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵ In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: ⁵ That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: