

# The Greatest Mission on Earth

Talk 4: "Giving an Answer for the Hope"  
How to answer hard questions with good news

## The joy of giving an answer

*1 Peter 3:13-16*

The context: fear of people

The preparation: fear the Lord

The key: hopeful lives

The method: gentleness

*1 Peter 2:11-12*

The result: God's glory

## Discussion

1. "What hope do you think there is for our world?" What kind of answers would you expect to hear from your 321 Friends/others?
2. How do you think people's way of life reflects the kind of hope they have?
3. What might it look like for us to lead lives shaped by the hope of the gospel? What distinctives do we get to display? (Think back over the 1 Peter and Proverbs series - what struck you?)
4. How do you feel about the idea that speaking up for Jesus might well lead to malice and slander? What helps you to believe it's still the right thing to do?



## The practice of giving an answer

### Ask questions

- *Why do you ask?*
- *What do you think about it?*
- *How long have you been thinking about it? How did you come to think that way?*

### Probe further

### Explain why you see things differently

- Be humble
- Be joyful
- Find points of connection
- Point to Jesus

### Leave the door open

## Recommended Resources

*Honest Evangelism*, Rico Tice

*Questioning Evangelism*, Randy Newman

*Making Faith Magnetic*, Dan Strange

*The Christian Gospel*, Tony Payne

