

Questions People Ask

Introduction

Evangelism on the front foot: the power of the gospel

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel-- not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **1 Corinthians 1:17-18**

Evangelism on the back foot: appealing to human wisdom?

A clash of worldviews: helping people stop to think

⁵ Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4:5-6**

Isaiah 44:13-18

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. **Romans 1:21-23**



Answering questions: offering a better foundation

Wear their glasses

Break their glasses

Let them wear your glasses

The way we answer: with gentleness and respect

¹⁵ But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. **1 Peter 3:15-16**

Conclusion

Resources

Tactics by Greg Koukl

Questioning Evangelism by Randy Newman

Apologetics to the Glory of God by John Frame

