



Our Walk and Witness



Apologetics,
Evangelism,
and Disciple-

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and Discipleship

For we live by faith, not
by sight. • For we live by
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6 WEEK CLASS WITH DR. DAVID GIESLER

What Does That Bible Teach About How We Should Live?



BECOMING

A

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OF

CHRISTIAN

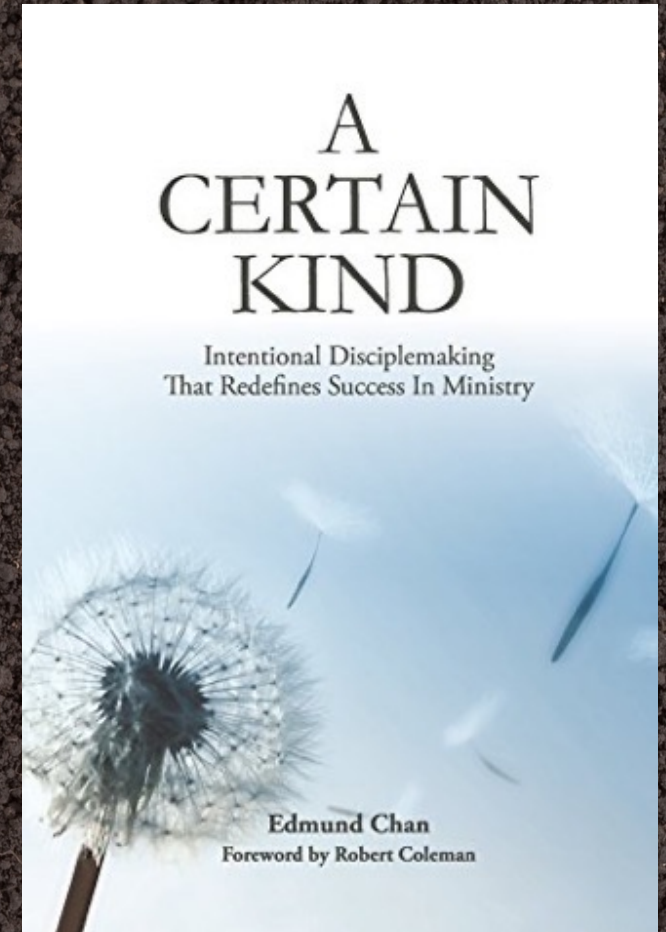
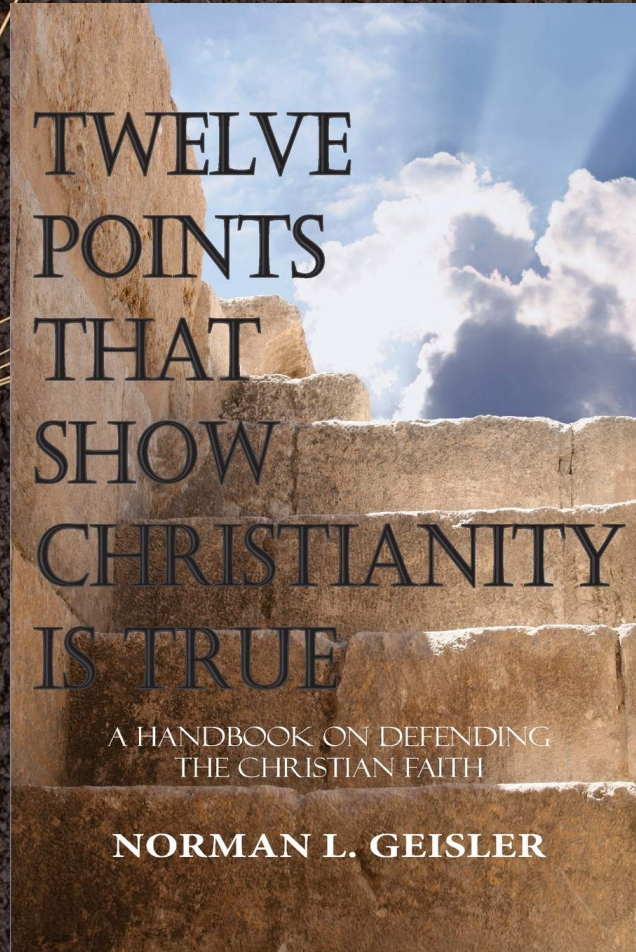
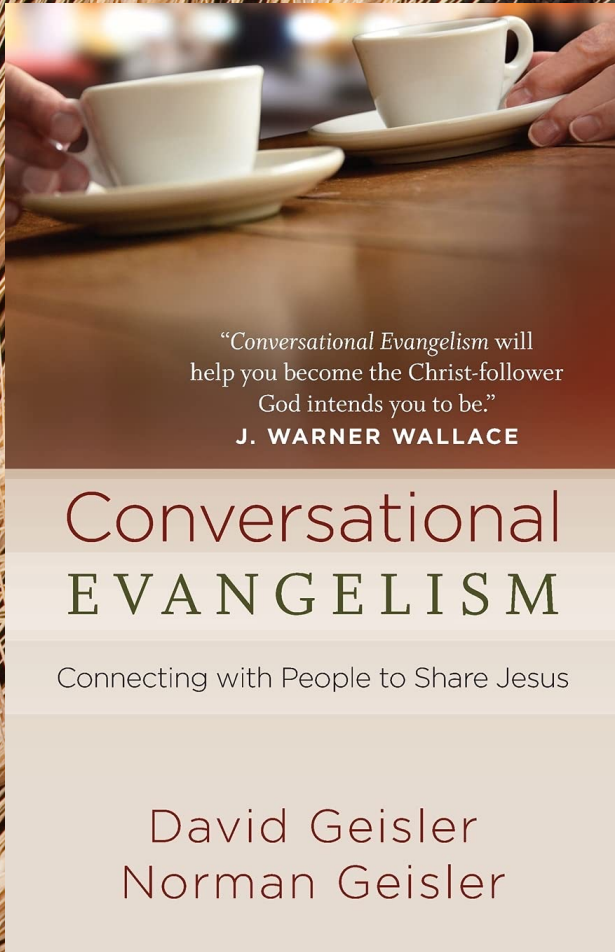
DEVELOPING AN INTEGRATED FAITH

six week life study class

sundays • 12p-1p • sept 10-oct 15

middle school yth room • calvary chapel lynchburg





HE WAS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS... AND FOUND SO MUCH MORE.



NORM GEISLER:

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Norm Geisler discovered early in his spiritual journey:

- 1. That faith and reason are more compatible than some Christians realize.**
- 2. That there is an appropriate way to use apologetics (Christian evidence) in our witness to others and yet in partnership with the Holy Spirit.**
- 3. We have more common ground in witnessing to non-believers than they realize.**

Important Things To Know About Our Faith

1. Biblical faith must have an object to be valid (1 Cor. 15:14, 19).
2. Our faith is not a blind faith (I Kings 18:21, 36 – 39) but it is a faith with reason (Mk12:30).
3. It is a faith that is supported by evidence (1 Jn. 1:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:6).
4. Our subjective experience of Christ is only valid if it corresponds to the objective truth of the existence of God and the resurrection of Jesus (Rom. 8:16; Jn. 16:8-9; Ecl. 3:11; Rom. 1:18-20; 1 Cor. 15:3-6; 1 Cor. 15: 14,17, 19).
5. The bible makes an important distinction between “belief that” and “belief in” (Js. 2:19; Acts 14:1; Jn. 6:65; 1 Cor. 2:14). As a result, we can go to church all our life and “belief that” Jesus is the promised Messiah and still not be a Christian.
6. Our faith goes deeper than knowing things about God (Phil. 3:10).
7. In better understanding our faith, we need to remember that God’s truth goes beyond reason but never against reason (2 Cor. 1:18; Titus 1:9).
8. God’s truth can be a mystery (1 Corinthians 2:6-8).
9. I can trust God for what I don’t know because of what He’s revealed to me that I do know (Rom. 1:18-21; Rom. 2:14-15; Heb. 11:1 ; Rev. 21:4).
10. Christianity is a system of truth with no error in essential beliefs (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12: 1 Tim. 2:5). All other religions in the world are a system of error that contain occasional truths.



Week 1 – Developing An Integrated Faith (Review)

Week 2 – Living For Jesus: Our Walk and Witness (part 1)

Week 3 – Living For Jesus Our Walk and Witness (Part 2)

Week 4 - Going Deeper: Removing Our Idols and Embracing Deeper Worship.

Week 5 - Keys to Thriving as a Servant: Principles gleaned from Apostle Paul.

Week 6 - Practicing A Wholistic Approach To Spiritual Formation.

The Times We Live In



“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wonder off into myths.” (2 Timothy 4: 3-4 E.S.V.)

THEY'RE STRONGER
TOGETHER

Discipleship

Apologetics

Evangelism

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**Why Is It
Important To
Teach This
Wholistic
Approach?**

APOLOGETICS AND EVANGELISM GO HAND IN HAND



APOLOGETICS AND EVANGELISM



Christian evidence normally accompanied the presentation of the Gospel in the New Testament:

Matthew 4:23; John 5:36, 10:37-38, 20:30-31; Acts 9:22, 14:1, 17:2-3, 26:28-29, 28:23.

Scripture Commands Us to Defend the Faith

1 Peter 3:15- “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being *prepared* to make a *defense* to anyone who asks you for a *reason* for the *hope* that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” (ESV)



Understanding Faith, Reason, Apologetics and Evangelism



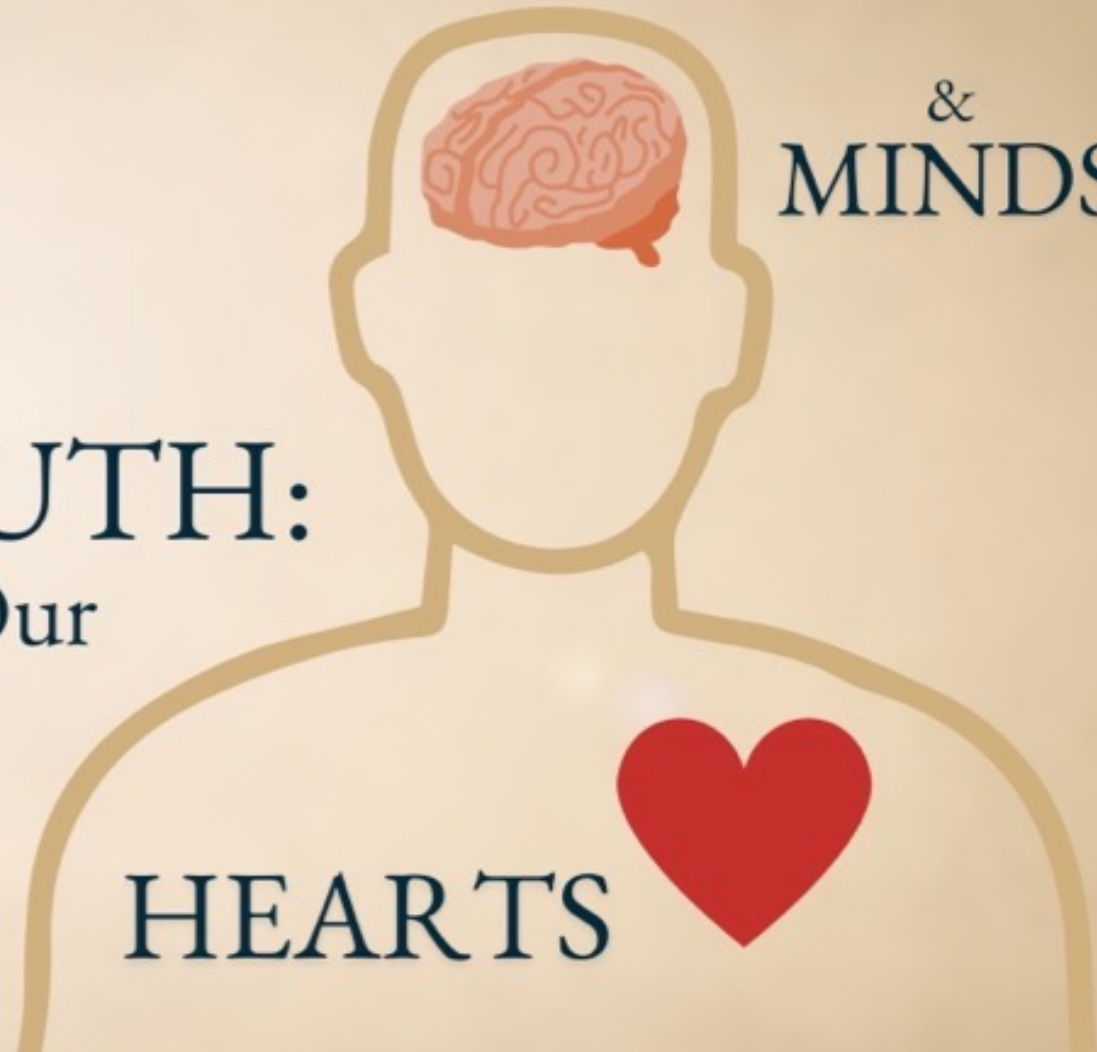
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GOD'S TRUTH:
Written on Our

HEARTS

w/ Dr. David Geisler



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**For what can be known about
God is plain to them, because
God has shown it to them.**

Romans 1:19 ESV

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For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made..."

Romans 1:20 ESV

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1. God's Truth is written on our minds (Rom. 1:18-20).
2. God's Truth is written on our hearts (Rom. 2:14-15).
3. We share some similar philosophical ideas with non-believers that we can use to build common ground (1 Cor. 9:22; Rom. 1:20).
 - We both believe in objective truth.
 - We both believe that truth corresponds to reality.
 - We both believe the laws of logic apply to reality.

The Apostle Paul's approach...



The Apostle Paul's approach was different depending on the worldview of the audience he spoke to.



Sour Notes in Acts 17

Example: Idols in Acts 17:22-30

What are the two contradictory beliefs?

“For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your poets have said, ‘For we also are His offspring.’ Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver, an image formed by the art and thought of man.” (Acts 17:28-29 NASB)

- A. You created these wooden gods.***
- B. These wooden gods created you.***



Building a Bridge to the Gospel (Jn. 8:32)

Find common ground with those you are trying to reach.

“To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22





**Why Is It
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Wholistic
Approach To
Include
Discipleship?**



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Legacy Initiative

“If we defend the gospel with our minds, but betray the gospel with our lives, the greatest intellectual defense of the gospel will fall to the ground!”

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**a certain kind EVANGELISM,
a certain kind of APOLOGETIC,
and a certain kind of DISCIPLESHIP**



a certain kind EVANGELISM,



EFFECTIVE WITNESSING TODAY...

**will compel us to use an approach that is
conversational.**



WHY SHOULD OUR APPROACH BE CONVERSATIONAL?

*“We live in a world in which people are **reluctant** to be told what is true. But they may be willing to see for themselves (as in a mirror) the **inadequacies** in what they believe by us asking them probing and thought-provoking questions.”*

Dr. David Geisler





EFFECTIVE WITNESSING TODAY...

- will compel us to practice a certain kind of evangelism.
- One that **seeks to build spiritual conversations...**



**...to your
unbelieving
friends from
the standpoint
of their
interest, not
your own!**



EFFECTIVE WITNESSING TODAY...

- allows others to **discover the truth** for themselves by **asking thought-provoking questions** about what they say they believe.



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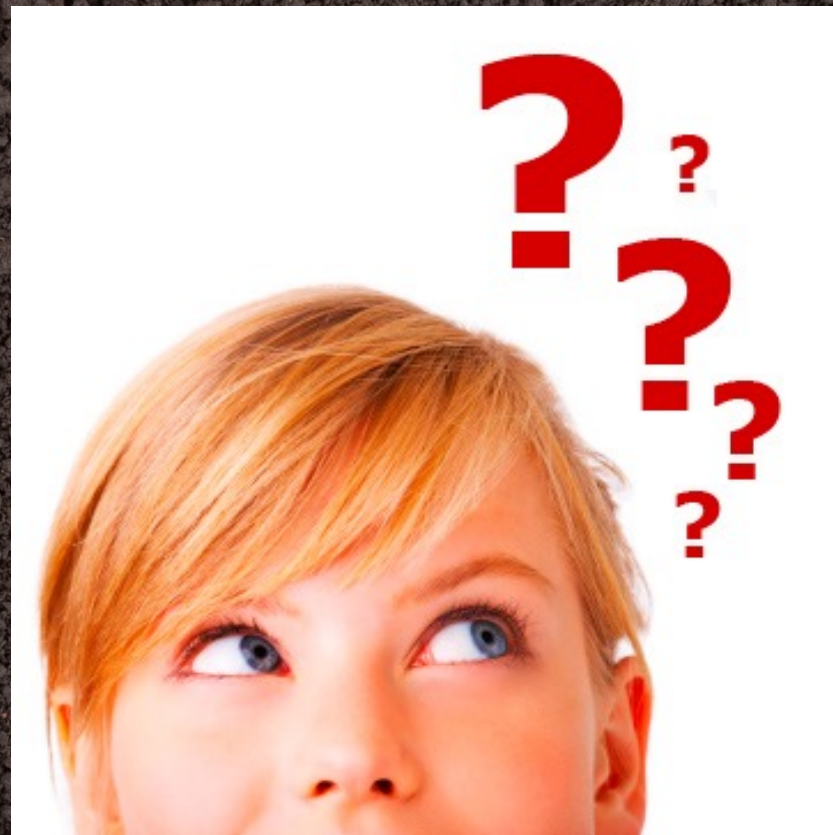
will compel us to maximize our questions.


By Remember the Three D's of
Conversational Evangelism?

DOUBT

DEFENSIVENESS

DESIRE





If we understand the times in which we live today, we will **repackage** our approach not only in **witnessing** but also in how we **use apologetics**.



a certain kind of APOLOGETIC



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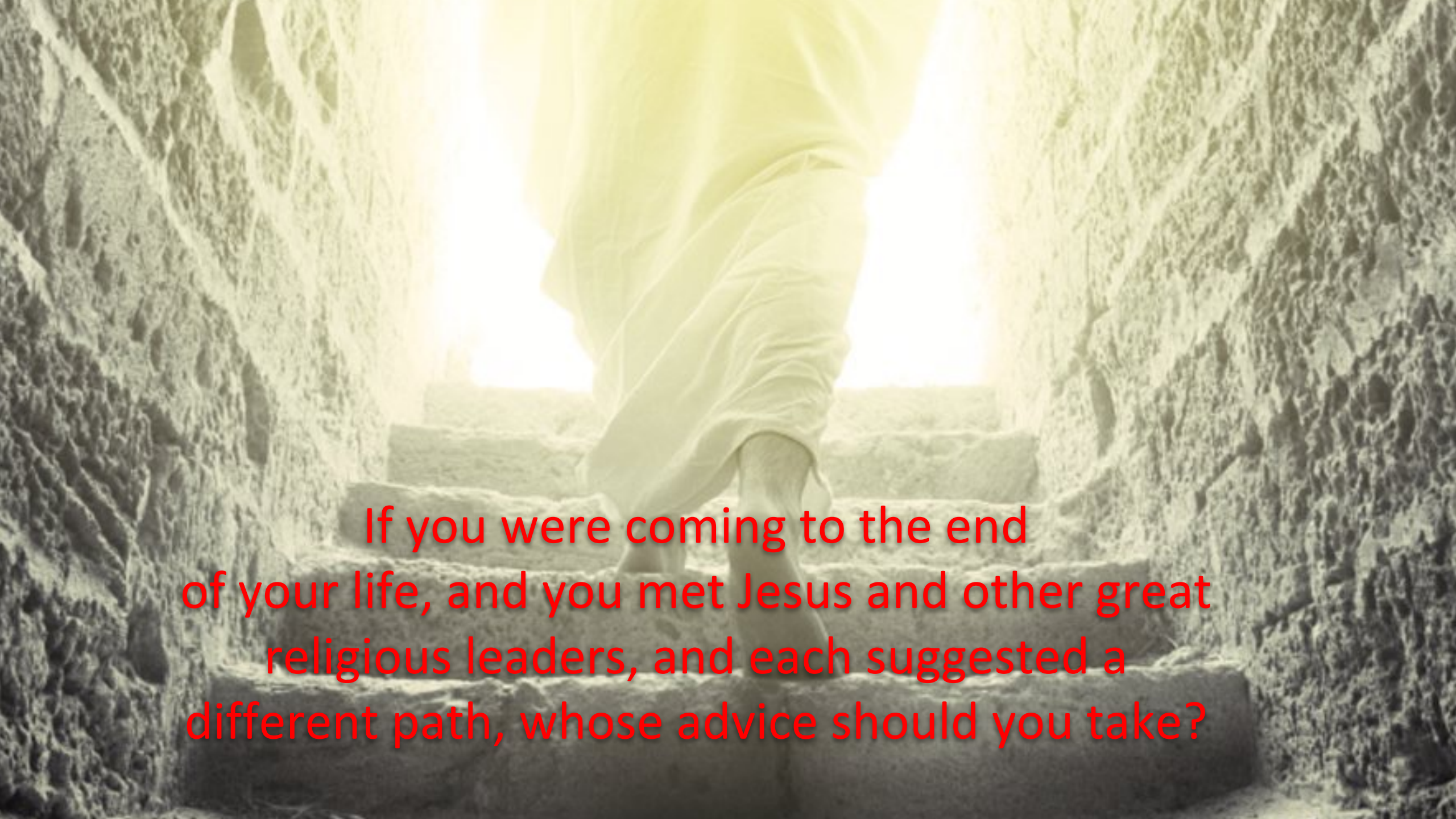
- will compel us to use an apologetic approach that is “lite” to begin with!**

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When we evangelize, we need
to know where people are at.

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is walking up a set of stone steps. The steps are made of large, rough-hewn stones and lead up a narrow, dark tunnel. At the end of the tunnel, a bright, golden light shines through an opening, creating a strong backlighting effect on the person's robe. The person's feet are visible as they step up the stairs. The overall atmosphere is one of a journey or a path leading to a bright future.


If you were coming to the end of your life, and you met Jesus and other great religious leaders, and each suggested a different path, whose advice should you take?

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is walking up a set of stone steps. The steps are made of large, rough-hewn stones and are set within a narrow, rocky passage. The walls of the passage are made of dark, textured rock. At the top of the steps, there is a bright, glowing light source, possibly an opening or a window, which casts a strong, warm glow over the scene. The person's feet are visible as they step up the stairs.

Wouldn't you take the
advice of someone who's
been to the other side and
come back to tell us about it?



a certain kind of DISCIPLESHIP



We also need to add a **certain kind** of **DISCIPLESHIP** to our evangelism and apologetics, if we are going to be fruitful disciples of Christ in the culture we live in today.



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