

GOAL OF THIS CLASS

The class intention (goal) is to provide believers with a framework for addressing non-believers with a rational answer when we encounter someone who doesn't share our worldview. Our core scripture verse is I Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere 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**, (NIV)" "Behind every question is a questioner" "The task of the apologist is to find that bridge from the head to the heart" Ravi Zacharias

Answering the Skeptic

A context for our class

- ▶ Colossians 4:5,6
“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”
- ▶ Listen carefully
- ▶ Think critically
- ▶ Respond thoughtfully
- ▶ How can we do this in this class effectively?

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USING THE VIDEO AS A GUIDE

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF RZIM AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO YOU AND THIS LOCAL CHURCH?

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WE FACE AS CHRISTIANS IN PRESENTING OUR WORLDVIEW?

WHAT OTHER THOUGHTS DID YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THE VIDEO?

Four Questions



1. WHY DID GOD PUT THE TREE IN THE GARDEN TO BEGIN WITH? HE ULTIMATELY KNEW WHAT DECISION ADAM AND EVE WOULD MAKE SO ARE WE JUST A BIG SOCIAL EXPERIMENT?
2. AM I A BAD PERSON FOR QUESTIONING MY FAITH?
3. DOES GOD FAVOR A GENDER?
4. IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT JESUS HIS DEATH?
WHAT IS THE QUESTIONER IMPLYING IN THE QUESTION? READ BETWEEN THE LINES. DO YOU FEEL THE ANSWERS GIVEN WERE ADEQUATE? CAN WE PARAPHRASE THE ANSWER (SUMMARIZE) WOULD YOU ADD ANYTHING FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE?