

## **2023-24 Journey Apologetics Course Overview**

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### **CLASS #1**

Date: Sept. 11, 2023

TOPIC: Introduction

MATERIAL: HO: Introduction to Apologetics

### **CLASS #2**

Date: Sept. 18, 2023

TOPIC: What the Bible Is and Isn't

MATERIAL: Chapter 1 (p 9-29) & Chapter 2 (p 33-53) in *Understanding the Faith*

HO: Why Should We Believe in the Inerrancy of Scripture

### **CLASS #3**

Date: Sept. 25, 2023

TOPIC: Does the Bible Have Authority?

MATERIAL: Chapter 3 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 57-78

HO: The Bible: The Holy Canon of Scripture

### **CLASS #4**

Date: Oct. 2, 2023

TOPIC: What the Bible Says about God

MATERIAL: Chapter 4 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 85-105

### **CLASS #5**

Date: Oct. 9, 2023

TOPIC: The Bible, God's Big Story

MATERIAL: Chapter 5 (p 111-131) & Chapter 6 (p 135-157) in *Understanding the Faith*

### **CLASS #6**

Date: Oct. 16, 2023

TOPIC: How to Read the Bible

MATERIAL: Chapter 7 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 165-186

HO: Embarrassed by the Bible

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### **CLASS #7**

Date: Oct. 23, 2022

TOPIC: Is God Christian?

MATERIAL: Chapter 10 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 243-264

HO: Is The Intelligent Design Movement Christian?

### **CLASS #8**

Date: Nov. 6, 2023

TOPIC: Supernatural Good and Evil

MATERIAL: Chapter 11 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 269-291

HO: Infallible Proofs of the Resurrection

### **CLASS #9**

Date: Nov. 13, 2023

TOPIC: Isn't Christianity Anti-science?

MATERIAL: Chapter 12 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 297-318

### **CLASS #10**

Date: Nov. 20, 2023

TOPIC: Creation v. Evolution

MATERIAL: HO: "Couldn't God Have Used Evolution?"

HO: "Does the Big Bang Fit with the Bible?"

Booklet, "7 Reasons Not to Accept Millions of Years"

### **CLASS #11**

Date: Dec. 4, 2023

TOPIC: Isn't Claiming Truth Intolerant?

MATERIAL: Chapter 13 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 325-346

HO: "The Rise and Fall of Inerrancy"

### **CLASS #12**

Date: Dec. 11, 2023

TOPIC: Why is There Evil and Suffering?

MATERIAL: Chapter 14 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 351-372

HO: "Why Does God's Creation Include Death and Suffering?"

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### **CLASS #13**

Date: Dec. 20, 2023

TOPIC: What's the Deal with Hell?

MATERIAL: Chapter 15 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 379-399

### **CLASS #14**

Date: Jan 8, 2024

TOPIC: Is God a Mean Bully?

MATERIAL: Chapter 16 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 405-424  
HO: "'Perillous' Days for British Christians"

### **CLASS #15**

Date: Jan. 15, 2024

TOPIC: If Christianity Is True, Why Do People Walk Away?

MATERIAL: Chapter 17 in *Understanding the Faith*, p 431-449  
HO: "What to Say to a Mormon"

### **CLASS #16**

Date: Jan. 22, 2024

TOPIC: The Battle of Ideas

MATERIAL: Chapter 1 in *Understanding the Times*, p 1-22  
HO: "Worldview Neutral Science?"

### **CLASS #17**

Date: Jan. 29, 2024

TOPIC: Christianity

MATERIAL: Chapter 2 in *Understanding the Times*, p-26-45  
Handout, "Faith Paths"

### **CLASS #18**

Date: Feb. 5, 2024

TOPIC: Islam

MATERIAL: Chapter 3 in *Understanding the Times*, p 51-69  
HO: "Is Islam a Religion of Peace?"

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### **CLASS #19**

Date: Feb. 12, 2024

TOPIC: Secularism

MATERIAL: Chapter 4 in *Understanding the Times*, p 75-93  
HO: "Humanist Manifesto II"

### **CLASS #20**

Date: Feb. 19, 2024

TOPIC: Marxism

MATERIAL: Chapter 5 in *Understanding the Times*, p 99-117  
Handout: "Evangelizing the Cultural Christian"

### **CLASS #21**

Date: Feb. 26, 2024

TOPIC: New Spirituality

MATERIAL: Chapter 6 in *Understanding the Times*, p 123-141  
Handout, "Marxism In A New Guise", (alternative HO: "Evangelizing New Agers")

### **CLASS #22**

Date: March 4, 2024

TOPIC: Post Modernism

MATERIAL: Chapter 7 in *Understanding the Times*, p 147-169  
Handout, "Reaching Postmodern 'Leavers'"

### **CLASS #23**

Date: March 18, 2024

TOPIC: Theology

MATERIAL: Chapter 8 in *Understanding the Times*, p 173-191  
Handout: "May the Force Bewitch You: Evaluating the Star Wars Worldview"

### **CLASS #24**

Date: March 25, 2024

TOPIC: Philosophy & Ethics

MATERIAL: Chapter 9 in *Understanding the Times*, p 199-219  
Chapter 10 in *Understanding the Times*, p 225-248

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### **CLASS #25**

Date: April 1, 2024

TOPIC: Biology

MATERIAL: Chapter 11 in *Understanding the Times*, p 252-279

Handout: "An Evaluation of the Myth That 'Nothing in Biology Makes Sense Except in the Light of Evolution'"

### **CLASS #26**

Date: April 8, 2024

TOPIC: Psychology

MATERIAL: Chapter 12 in *Understanding the Times*, p 281-305

Handout, "Sin, Guilt, Psychology, and Evangelism"

### **CLASS #27**

Date: April 15, 2024

TOPIC: Sociology

MATERIAL: Chapter 13 in *Understanding the Times*, p. 307-330

Handout, "10 Myths about Redefining Marriage"

### **CLASS #28**

Date: April 22, 2024

TOPIC: Law & Politics

MATERIAL: Chapter 14 in *Understanding the Times*, p. 337-359

Chapter 15 in *Understanding the Times*, p. 365-388

### **CLASS #29**

Date: May 6, 2024

TOPIC: Economics & History

MATERIAL: Chapter 16 in *Understanding the Times*, p. 395-419

Chapter 17 in *Understanding the Times*, p. 425-444

### **CLASS #30**

May 13, 2024

TOPIC: Conclusion

MATERIAL: Chapter 18 in *Understanding the Times*, p. 451-476