



Christian Preppers

TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS WELL WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL IN A WAY THAT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND.

Focus: *to love our neighbors well we have to be prepared to share the gospel in a way that they can understand and answer their questions within reason.*

Conversation starter: What is the most difficult question someone has asked you about God or your faith?

Read 1 Peter 3:15b-16a "...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, having a good conscience"

How does this verse apply to the difficult questions your lost neighbors asked you? Have you prepared yourself since? How?

Read Acts 17:16-21: What in Luke's background narrative stands out to you? Why?

Read Acts 17:22-31: Discuss where you observe Paul displaying each of these "marks" of a Christian Prepper in the passage.

Mark #1: He shares everyday, everywhere, with everyone (17)

Mark #2: He Seized Every Opportunity (22-31)

Mark #3: He Build Rapport and Built Bridges When Possible (22-23, 28)

Mark #4: He Spoke the Truth in Ways They Would Understand (29-31)

Mark #5: He Emphasized the Need for a Response (30)

Mark #6: He Lead Them to Jesus (31)

Spend most of your time on these questions:

- Which of these marks is your greatest weakness? Why?
- What is your plan to strengthen that weak area?
- What specific things do you do to "be prepared" (1 Peter 3:15-16)? How do you "prep" as a way to love your neighbors?
- What questions are you afraid they may ask that you don't have a reasonable defense (answer) for?

Read Acts 17:32-34: There were 3 responses to Paul's speech: 1) Red light, 2) Yellow light, and 3) Green light. What type of responses do you get when you share? How do you handle each of those?