



Message: *In Defense of the Faith Pt. 2* (3-06-22)

Use the message and the message notes and message help guide your answers and discussion for group.

Helpful Hints:

The primary goal of Small Groups has always been to help Christ Followers grow stronger in their walk by having fellowship with one another. We want each member to hear the word of God, retain it, internalize it, and most importantly apply it. One of the ways we grow as Christ Followers is to make sure we strive each day to align ourselves with the word of God. Here are some tips to help us all make sure we are continuing to strive to align ourselves with the word of God, and His instructions for His followers.

(Exodus 24:7, John 14:23, Deuteronomy 5:33)

- Before you meet watch the message again on our YouTube page (Now Word Covenant Church)
 - It is important to watch it again because there are things you miss the first time that you can get when you watch again.
- Use scripture to back up your answers during discussion. Try not to give your opinion as it pertains to the word of God. If everyone in the group gives a different answer, then it is probably opinion and not Bible.
- Try not to start your answer with “I think...”. Instead ask “What does God’s word say about this?” Always refer to the word of God, which is the answer to every question.
- If no one knows the answer, it is okay to say, “I don’t know”. Do some studying before the next meeting and be ready to share your answers.

Pre-Discussion Questions:

1. Are you comfortable defending the faith? If no, why?
2. Why is it important for Christ Followers to be able to defend their faith?

Discussion Questions:

1. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you in Sunday's message?
2. We are living in a time where ministers are teaching false doctrine. What is false doctrine, and how can we recognize when it is being taught?
3. What helps Christians recognize false doctrine? How does this help defend the faith?
4. Why would a Christian not be comfortable defending their faith?
5. According to Sunday's message, why do we follow Christ?
6. What is the definition of guiding values?
7. Discuss the following statistic: 65% of the people in America confess Christianity but only 6% have a biblical worldview.
 - a. What is your initial reaction to this statistic?
 - b. Why is there such a disparity between the statistics?
 - c. How can this disparity weaken the Christian faith? Why?
 - d. How do we as Christians lessen the disparity?
8. Do you have a biblical worldview? Why or why not?
 - a. Biblical worldview: I defer to scriptural authority over cultural values, race, ethnicity, etc.
9. Discuss and explain the following statistic: 65% of confessing Christians co-mingle their faith with secular beliefs that compromises the absolute authority of Scripture. Secular Christianity.
 - a. What does it mean to compromise the absolute authority of scripture?
 - b. Give examples of comingling faith with secular beliefs. Why does this weaken the faith?
10. How can we as Christ Followers strengthen our biblical worldview?

