

# APOLOGETICS

## IN ONE LESSON

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### Lesson 3

## Ambassadors for Christ

# Key Takeaways (review)

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1

Time on **“pre-evangelism”** is time well spent; give yourself credit even if all you do is ask some questions

2

Getting to the **“call-to-action” in every conversation is not required** (and in some cases, not a good idea)

# IDEA IN BRIEF

What?

Recognize how much **our approach matters** (in addition to the facts)

Why?

So that we use an **artful and attractive approach** that makes our message more persuasive

How?

By discussing the **attributes of an ambassador** and how we can use them

What are the attributes of a good ambassador?

1

What is the significance of the Apostles being called “ambassadors for Christ”?

2

Consider examples of Paul being an ambassador

3

Describe 1 Peter 3:15 in its context

“But set Christ apart as Lord in your hearts  
and always **be ready to give**  
**an answer** to anyone who asks  
about the hope you possess. But respond  
with gentleness and respect”

**1 PETER 3:15**



“keeping a good conscience, so that those who slander **your good conduct in Christ** may be put to shame when they accuse you.”

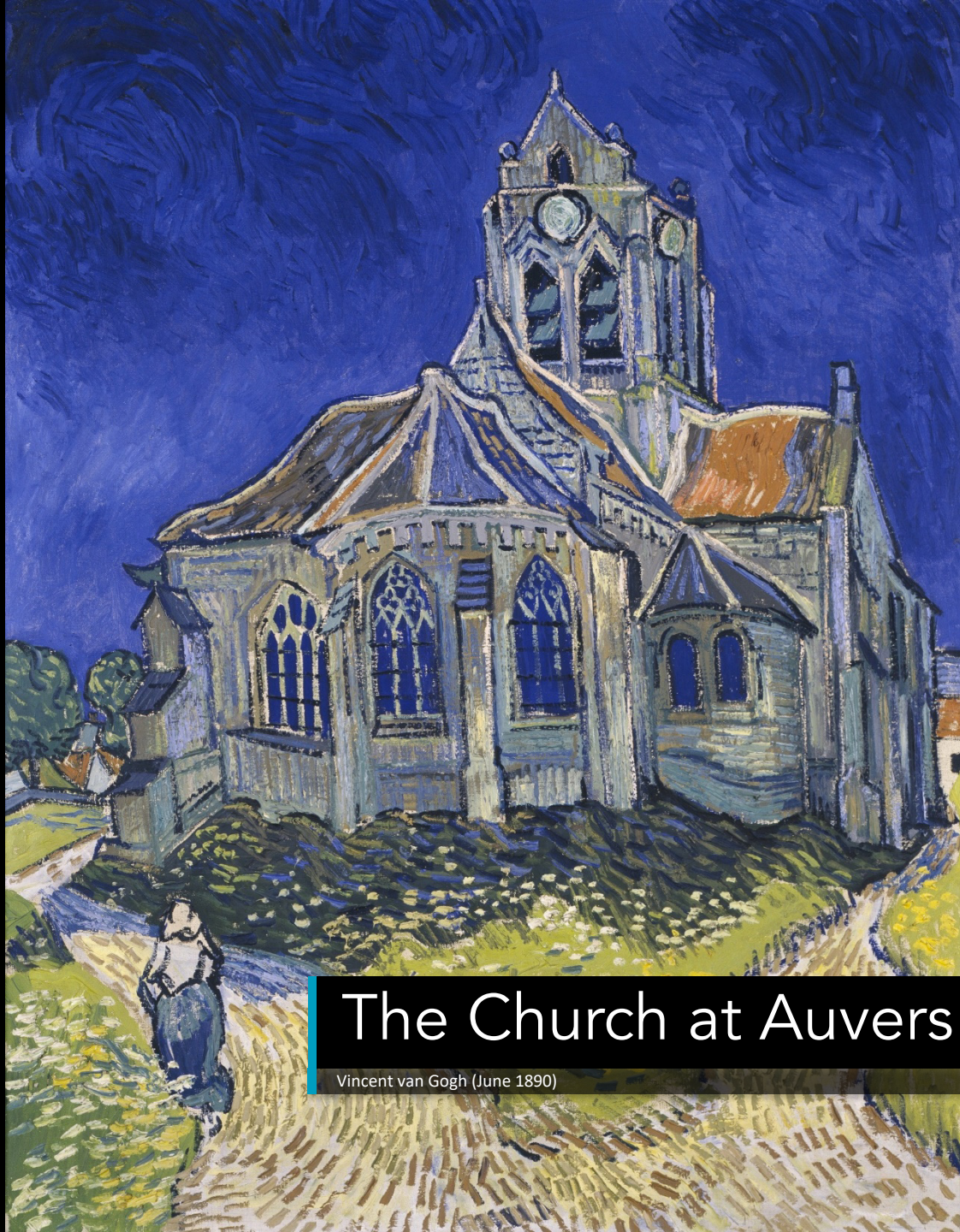
**1 PETER 3:16**

4

Consider examples from Jesus' life that illustrate him being an ambassador

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What are some other examples of people who built bridges to others?



# The Church at Auvers

Vincent van Gogh (June 1890)

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List some things that Christians can do that get in the way of others becoming disciples?

# Key Takeaways

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1

1 Peter 3:15 (“the Apologist’s verse”) emphasizes **character over case-making**

2

**Representing God’s character** matters as much as representing the facts

3

A good ambassador uses an **artful method** in addition to good facts