

APOLOGETICS  
*FALL 2021*

# CORE

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

THE **passion** INSTITUTE

## COURSE SCOPE

This course is designed to equip and encourage those who are wrestling through some of the hardest questions of life. It is also meant to come alongside you and provide a few tools for how to have a reasonable conversation with a skeptic, and how to defend some core areas of your faith. Our heart is not to give you a bludgeon to waive over someone's head, or a theology that is used to threaten and talk down to others. Instead, our aim is to motivate you intellectually while captivating your heart to love those around you. We strongly believe that every believer should be able and ready to give a defense for the reason they have hope and this course is a great way to start to prepare that defense.

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. **Be able to clearly articulate the gospel of Jesus Christ** - We believe it is essential for every follower of Jesus to be able to clearly know the gospel and feel confident in sharing that with others.
2. **Be comfortable asking hard questions** - Even though we know and hold to many of the same truths, there are still some hard questions that come up in the Christian walk. Those questions can be uncomfortable so one of our main objectives is to help you learn how to sit in that tension of not knowing without it compromising what you are able to know for certain.
3. **Work out a plan for how you'd give a response** - Develop a starting point for explaining your thoughts and theology on some of the harder questions that you might be faced with as it relates to your faith and your belief in a good, sovereign, God who knows your name.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 3, 7pm - 9pm: Apologetics 1  
Wednesday, November 10, 7pm - 9pm: Apologetics 2  
Wednesday, November 17, 7pm - 9pm: Apologetics Night 3

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Recommend Reading:

- *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* - Josh McDowell

Additional Resources:

- *Reasonable Faith* - William Lane Craig

- *Confronting Christianity* - Rebecca McLaughlin

## EXERCISES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

Exercise 1:

Sit down and write out five hard questions that may challenge your beliefs that we discussed from this course. Then, on another piece of paper, write out in short bullet points your main points that would help you respond to these questions with truth and grace.

Exercise 2:

Write out how you would teach or tell someone about the gospel. Make sure that your “gospel section” or that which is actually the gospel is clear and orthodox (we’ll talk about this in class!). Try to imagine an opportunity where you are sharing the gospel with someone who has never heard of Jesus, someone who is religious but not a christian, and someone who is a “christian” by name but not by practice.

## OTHER DETAILS + COURSE POLICY

**Location:**

Night 1: Cumberland (2625 Cumberland Parkway SE, Atlanta, GA, 30339)

Night 2-3: 515 (515 Garson Drive NE, Atlanta, GA, 30324)

**Making up missed classes:** At this time, we are not recording classes, so the best way to make up a missed class is to look for this class coming back in a different round.

**To complete a class:** In order to complete your CORE class, attendance at all three nights is required.

**For questions:** email [core@passioncitychurch.com](mailto:core@passioncitychurch.com)

## LECTURERS

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