

Week 11 Apologetics in Mission Contexts

1. Overview

- 1) Understand challenges faced in mission fields
 - 2) Learn apologetic strategies for different cultures and religions
 - 3) Apply Paul's missionary apologetics model
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2. Learning Objectives

- 1) Explain common objections in mission contexts
 - 2) Apply culturally sensitive apologetics
 - 3) Communicate the gospel effectively in diverse settings
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3. Key Topics

- 1) Relationship Between Mission and Apologetics
 - (1) Mission involves persuasion, not just proclamation
 - (2) Apologetics defends and explains the truth of the gospel
 - (3) Key Scriptures:
 - ① Acts 17:2-3
 - ② 1 Peter 3:15
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2) Contextual Apologetics

- (1) Different cultures understand truth differently
 - (2) Western vs Eastern vs Islamic perspectives
 - (3) Methods
 - ① Find common ground
 - ② Respect cultural values
 - ③ Understand worldview and language
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3) Apologetics for Different Religions

(1) Pluralistic Societies

“All religions are the same” → Truth is exclusive

(2) Islamic Context

Denial of Jesus' divinity and crucifixion → Biblical defense

(3) Buddhist/Hindu Context

Karma and reincarnation → Emphasize grace and salvation

4) Paul's Missionary Apologetics Model

- (1) Jews: Scripture-based (Acts 13)
- (2) Greeks: Philosophical approach (Acts 17)
- (3) Principles
 - ① Audience analysis
 - ② Contextualized message
 - ③ Unchanging gospel truth

5) Challenges in Modern Missions

- (1) Secularism
- (2) Relativism
- (3) Scientism
- (4) Syncretism

4. Discussion Questions

- 1) What are the biggest apologetic challenges in mission fields today?
- 2) How can truth be maintained while respecting cultural differences?
- 3) How can Paul's method be applied today?

5. Assignments

- 1) Choose a culture (Islam, Buddhism, etc.) and develop an apologetic strategy
- 2) Create a mission scenario and perform a role-play

6. Conclusion

- 1) Apologetics is essential in missions
- 2) The gospel does not change, but methods must adapt
- 3) The guidance of the Holy Spirit is central