

Apologetics Around the Kitchen Table – Welcoming Questions and Doubts

Discussion Guide

1. Three “WHO” groups that need apologetics (outsiders, ourselves, and our families) were identified in the talk. Which of these stood out most to you personally, and why?
2. Two parenting approaches were presented to deal with “bad (unbiblical) ideas” in our culture: “inoculation” and “isolation”. How does the “inoculation” model differ from the “isolation” model in the way we teach and disciple our children? What is the risk of raising children with the “isolation model” when it comes to their faith?
3. In the Yale study mentioned in the talk, the group that was simply told the truth ended up being more susceptible to bad ideas than those who were “inoculated.” Why do you think that is? What spiritual or cultural “bad ideas” do you think our children need to be inoculated against? Why?
4. Two hindrances to doing “apologetics around the kitchen table” were mentioned: lack of time and feelings of inadequacy. Can you relate to either or both of these? How can Deut 6:4-7, Exodus 4:10-12, and Jeremiah 1:5-9 encourage you?
5. The speaker gave a few practical tips on *how* to do apologetics in the home, with our families. Which of these ideas resonated with you most? Do you already do something similar, or is there something you’d like to try in the future?

6. How can we respond well when our child (or anyone, really) asks a question or expresses doubts that we don't immediately know how to answer?

7. A variety of resources were mentioned at the end of the talk (videos, podcasts, stories, etc.) Are there any resources mentioned (or not mentioned) that you're interested in exploring further? Share any other resources that have helped *you* think through difficult faith questions.

8. Was questioning or sharing doubts welcomed in your home/church growing up? What would it look like to intentionally create a culture in your home/church where questions and doubts are welcomed?