



— FRONTLINE APOLOGETICS —

A Seminar in Applied Apologetics

How To Share Your Faith and Values Effectively In a Secular and Skeptical Culture

“In your heart set aside Christ as Lord, and always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reasons for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” – I Peter 3:15

Instructor: Dr. Jeffrey Breshears

Time and Location:

Wednesdays, January 18 - April 26

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Johnson Ferry Baptist Church / Room 105

Supplemental Readings:

Jeffrey D. Breshears, *The Case for Christian Apologetics*

(Copies available in class for \$10 or at Amazon.com for \$9)

“Socrates Meets Jesus.” (A series of dialogues that will be sent via email following our review/discussion of *The Case for Christian Apologetics*.)

Registration Tuition: \$60 or \$100 per couple.

Course Synopsis:

Christians are often caught unprepared when confronted by honest questions by spiritual seekers, serious challenges by religious skeptics, and ridiculous comments by argumentative contrarians. Such encounters can be frustrating, unnerving and even embarrassing, and often leave Christians wishing that they were better equipped to handle such situations.

A major reason why so many Christians are hesitant to share their faith is because they feel unprepared to handle tough questions and challenges from non-believers. It only takes one or two such encounters before many Christians decide to never again risk sharing their beliefs.

This course is divided into three segments:

(1) A review and discussion of the book, *The Case for Christian Apologetics*.

- (2) A series of dialogue/discussions entitled “Socrates Meets Jesus,” based on the writings of Peter Kreeft and edited/updated by Jeffrey Brehears.
- (3) Open debates/discussions on relevant contemporary challenges to the Christian faith (such as those listed below).

The purpose of this course is to identify many of the challenges that spiritual seekers skeptics and skeptics raise against the Christian faith, and to equip Christians to handle these objections clearly and effectively.

In this interactive and practical study, we address a wide range of issues such as...

- The problem of anti-intellectualism in contemporary evangelical Christianity.
- The practical value of Christian apologetics.
- How to deal effectively with questions and challenges such as...
 - *“Why should I believe that the Bible was divinely-inspired?”*
 - *“Why should I believe in Jesus? What evidence is there that he even existed?”*
 - *“Everything is relative; truth is just a matter of opinion.”*
 - *“There is no such thing as objective truth; we each create our own reality.”*
 - *“Reality is shaped by forces beyond our control.”*
 - *“Even if there were such a thing as objective truth, we could never know it.”*
 - *“Christians are intolerant and judgmental hypocrites.”*
 - *“There are many paths to God; it doesn’t matter what you believe so long as you’re sincere.”*
 - *“If Jesus is the only way to God, what about all those who have never heard of him?”*
 - *“I’m not a Christian, but I’m comfortable with my belief system; it works just fine for me.”*
 - *“Modern science and Christianity are incompatible.”*
 - *“The Christian doctrine of the Trinity is an illogical superstition.”*
 - *“What’s wrong with homosexuality? Aren’t some people just born that way?”*
 - *“I believe abortion should be a matter of personal choice.”*
 - *“I’m a Christian, but I also believe in evolution.”*
 - ... and many other issues.



Dr. Jeffrey Brehears is a former history professor and the founder and president of The Areopagus, a Christian education ministry that specializes in seminar courses related to Christian apologetics, history, literature and the arts, and contemporary cultural issues.

