

# REASONS

## MINISTRIES

Introducing . . .

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1 Peter 3:15 says,  
"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to every one who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." NIV

Did you know that as Christians we are expected to be ready to answer those who ask why we follow Christ? However, did you know that most believers are ill equipped to explain what they believe and why they believe in Jesus? And most believers are not ready to give an answer to those who ask why they follow Christ? Many believers seem ill equipped to understand and navigate the dangerous waters of postmodernism. And in fact, many believers do not even believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Are there any solutions?

*Reasons Ministries exists to equip believers to know what and why they believe so they can stand firm in the Christian faith, be effective tools in God's hand for reaching those that do not yet know Christ and to be able to apply practical apologetics to everyday life.*

**Reasons Ministries** seeks to serve the body of Christ by equipping believers in line with Ephesians 4:11-13

"He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ."

About half of all believers do not share their faith with unbelievers.

The above verses tell us that the biblical role of the evangelist is to equip believers so they can in turn reach the lost.

**Reasons Ministries** exists to strengthen the faith of believers to

be confident in what they believe, equip believers to be more effective in sharing their faith with those that do not yet know Christ and to enable believers to understand and apply practical apologetics to everyday life. **Reasons Ministries** will be a catalyst for equipping

According to a recent Pew survey, almost 60% of self-described evangelicals believe that Jesus is not the only way to heaven.

the believers in the local church to think and act biblically and be able to discern truth from error.

Reasons will equip Christians to know what a biblical worldview looks like and equip parents to be able to assist their children in living according to a Christian worldview in a postmodern world.

Another survey found that only about 10% of believers have an authentic Christian worldview.

Through workshops, presentations and messages believers will be trained and equipped in the areas of basic Christian theology, practical and applied apologetics, marriage and family, and other topics deemed beneficial. Presentations will be developed for specific age groups, for church leaders, small group leaders, and for the church as a whole.

With a personal, interactive, multimedia and dynamic approach, **Reason's** purpose will be to give ample reasons why the Christian faith is logical, reasonable, evidential, and true. Today more than ever, the local church needs a ministry like **Reasons**.

# Reasons' Sample Menu

Did the Resurrection really happen?

What makes a cult a cult and what do they believe anyway?

How did we get here and why do our origins matter?

Is the Bible trustworthy and reliable?

What is a Christian worldview and why is it so important?

What are some key principles to a successful Christian marriage?

Who was Jesus, really?

Are there many ways to heaven or is Jesus truly the only way?

The Gospel according to Oprah.

**About David:** Born again at age 8 and committed life to full time ministry at age 12.

**Education:** Graduated from Toccoa Falls College with a BA in Missiology and 30 plus hours of Bible/Theology/Apologetics. Graduated from Alliance Theological Seminary with a Masters of Professional Studies. Twenty-eight graduate hours completed toward a second Masters degree from Columbia International University. Courses included apologetics, theology, marriage and family and worship.

**Ministry Experience:** Ordained in the C&MA in 1987. Served as a C&MA pastor for 18 years in three pastorates. Serve currently as a district presbyter and on the Licensing Ordination & Consecration Committee of the Ohio Valley District.

**Teaching:** I am an Affiliate Faculty Member at Indiana Wesleyan University in Louisville since 2001 in the College of Adult and Professional Studies. I have taught over 500 students in 9 different courses including N. T. Survey, Themes in Biblical Literature, Defending the Faith and Marriage and Family.

**Currently:** Took a sabbatical from pastoral ministry in 2005 and formed my own painting company, Transformations Painting Co. LLC. Have continued to teach at IWU. Have just formed Reasons Ministries in the fall of 2008 as a result of following the Lord's leading as I sought his plan for my future ministry.

**Why should I bring Reasons Ministries to my church?** As a pastor and a college professor I have found great delight in answering questions related to the Bible, theology, different religions, etc. I have found that believers and nonbelievers have many unanswered questions about their faith. Several of the courses I teach are wonderful platforms for engaging nominal believers or nonbelievers in the truths of Christianity. As I have personally witnessed the "light coming on" with many of my students, I developed the desire to see the same thing happen to believers in the local church, especially after hearing many students ask me, "why haven't I heard these things in my church?" I have developed several workshops that seek to answer these and many other questions and to create an environment where there are no dumb questions. I have a passion for believers to be so anchored in biblical truth that they can stand against the enemy's attack and be effective evangelists in reaching their friends and neighbors that do not yet know Christ.

**How do I bring Reasons Ministries to my church?** Contact me and discuss the needs of your congregation. Schedule a time when I can come. What is the cost? If you will cover my travel expenses, I would be happy to receive a love offering from the congregation.

## Possible Venues

Weekend Meetings  
Couples' Retreats  
Leadership Retreats  
Men's Retreats  
Pastor's Retreats

## Targeted Audiences

Churches  
Church Leaders  
Couples  
Clergy  
Youth/College

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