

That's a Great Question

How Can I Know God Exists?

1 Peter 3:13-16

Launch

Have you always believed in the existence of God? If not, give us some details.

Explore

Read the passage

Based on this passage, what seem to be the key components of sharing your faith? What does this say about our posture toward people?

Why does Peter link defending the faith with suffering?

Apply

Has anyone ever asked you the reason for the hope that you have?

When was the last time you had a significant spiritual conversation with an atheist or agnostic? How did it go?

Which of the main arguments for the existence of God (cosmological, teleological, moral, and ontological) is the most compelling for you? Why?

Read this quote and discuss why doubting and testing your faith is so important: "A critical, probing faith is a necessary and useful stage toward an assured and confirmed faith. The opposite of skepticism isn't faith. It is simple minded, anti-intellectual, blind belief that decries any need for reasoning."

Thomas Oden

How would you describe your own faith: critical & probing, assured & confirmed, or anti-intellectual & blind?

Pray

Pray that we'd be ready to give the reason for our hope, that we'd all be equipped to share the love of Jesus with our relational world.