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Key Things You Heard

- What is apologetics?
- Blind faith or objective faith?
- Intelligence or chance?
- What about the flood?
- What about race?

Pray

Heavenly Father, what we believe about God's Word matters. We build our lives on a firm foundation when we accept your Word is absolute truth. Please help us see your Word in ways that continue to develop our faith and give us confidence in defending the faith. In Jesus' name, amen.

Questions for Conversation

Icebreaker: Have you ever been to a zoo? Share your favorite story.

- Read **1 Peter 3:14-16**. As you read these verses, what is the potential downside to defending your faith? Does the words, "...but in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord," seem out of place? Why or why not? What is setting apart Christ in your heart, the starting point for the defense of the gospel? If we are supposed to always be prepared to "...give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have," when do you think this preparation takes place? How does it take place? What part does the biblical community play in this process?
- Read **1 Peter 3:17-22**. What is the significance that this passage of scriptures follows instructions about defending the faith? Why did Peter remind us of the suffering of Christ? What is your attitude toward suffering?
- Read **Romans 1:20**. Why are men without excuse? As a group, identify God's eternal power and divine nature through things observed in creation. Explain how observing these things reveal God's power and nature.

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Prayer Focus

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