

# LESSON 01: PROFESS AND DEFEND YOUR FAITH

## What is *faith*?

Faith has \_\_\_\_\_:

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## *Faith has a focus*

The faith professed in the Willoughby Heights Canadian Reformed Church is

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## *Profession of Faith – 2021-2022*

- Starting point: all communicant members catechized in Willoughby Heights will have had at least 6 years of catechism instruction
- Those wishing to profess their faith may do so as early as in their sixth year of instruction
- The profession of faith course is focused purely on profession of faith, not on instruction
- As a rule, profession of faith takes place on a Sunday prior to a Sunday we celebrate the Lord’s Supper on.
- The course generally exists of 6 one-hour classes, at a time and place that works for all taking & teaching the course
  - For example: if all taking the course attend CCHS, we could run the class from 3 to 4pm right after school
- There’s a limit of 5 people per class
- If only one person signs up for a class, you’ll need to bring a friend who is willing to take the course too.

## *Space for your own notes*

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## *Defending one’s faith*

Apologetics \_\_\_\_\_

In Christian circles, apologetics \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bible Study: Acts 17:16-33 and 1Cor 1:18-2:5**

1. What greatly distressed or provoked Paul? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did he do about it? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What would people in Athens spend much of their time on? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What did the Athenians ask Paul to do? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did Paul agree to do so or did he say no? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How did Paul try to engage his hearers for his message? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. At hearing about *what* did the Athenians reject the Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Any idea why (*leave blank if you have no clue*)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now go to 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

9. What makes the message of the cross “folly”? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What do Greeks seek? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe in your own words what this means. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What are we, when proclaiming the Gospel, to boast in? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. When Paul came to Corinth (right after Athens!) what did he NOT come with? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How did he come? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. What do Acts 17 and 1 Corinthians 1&2 tell us about defending and presenting the Christian faith?

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