# Lesson 01: Profess and Defend Your Faith

## What is faith?

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## Faith has a focus

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## Profession of Faith – 2023-2024

* 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 may 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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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