

EVANGELIZATION & APOLOGETICS...

SPREADING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE IN SUPPORT OF OUR CATHOLIC BELIEFS

SESSION ONE
EVANGELIZATION,
TOOLS FOR THE GREAT COMMISSION

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The Great Commission

Mark 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Make your faith visible to others. Be joyful in your faith and others will see it.

Always: Pray • Express your faith daily with joy • Be confident • Be loving

Never: Judge • Criticize • Be right for the sake of being right • Tell someone they are wrong!

If you speak the truth and you truly believe, they will see it in you and they will believe.

But if you speak the truth and you do not believe, they will see it in you and turn away.

Get comfortable and confident with your Catholic faith. Don't be embarrassed by it. Be joyful and ready to bring it up in public.

Know your witness statement. Be ready to proclaim it always whenever you are asked.

You will never convert anyone. That is the job of the Holy Spirit. But we must plant seeds and nurture them love and care so that the Spirit can reap the harvest.

When speaking about our Catholic faith there are a few things to keep in mind to help bolster your confidence:

Once you get into a dialog about doctrine and beliefs and you've been asked a question you don't know the answer to NEVER be afraid to say, "I don't know." But ALWAYS follow that up with "but I'll find out and get back to you." Then make sure you do!

Why Apologetics?

Apologetics is giving a reasoned defense of a position. Catholic Apologetics is giving a reasoned explanation, or defense of Catholic Teaching.

Assumptions for evangelization and apologetics;

1. We believe in one God, the creator of the universe and of all things in it.
2. We believe in His Son Jesus Christ who died for our sins in order that we might be saved. (Insert Nicene Creed here)
3. We believe in the entire body of works we call the Bible, and we believe in all of the teaching and authority of the Church.

Things to remember:

There is nothing in the teachings of the Catholic Church that contradicts the Bible
There is nothing in the Bible that contradicts the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The Bible is of the Church, the Church is not of the Bible. The Catholic Church gave the world the Bible.

The popular versions of the Ten Commandments:

The Protestant Ten Commandments

- 1 I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt have no other gods before me.

- 2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.

- 3 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

- 4 Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.

- 5 Honor thy father and thy mother.

- 6 Thou shalt not kill.

- 7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

- 8 Thou shalt not steal.

- 9 Thou shalt not bear false witness.

- 10 Thou shalt not covet.

The Catholic Ten Commandments

- 1 I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.

- 2 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- 3 Remember the Lord's Day to keep it holy.

- 4 Honor your father and mother.

- 5 You shall not kill.

- 6 You shall not commit adultery.

- 7 You shall not steal

- 8 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- 9 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

- 10 You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Ten Commandments in Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-17

The Protestant King James Version:

The Catholic New American Bible, revised edition

¹ And God spake all these words, saying,	¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,
² I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.	² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.	³ You shall not have other gods beside me.
⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:	⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth;
⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;	⁵ you shall not bow down before them or serve them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their ancestors' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation;
⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.	⁶ but showing love down to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.	⁷ You shall not invoke the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished anyone who invokes his name in vain.
⁸ Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.	⁸ Remember the sabbath day—keep it holy.
⁹ Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:	⁹ Six days you may labor and do all your work,
¹⁰ But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:	¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your work animal, or the resident alien within your gates.
¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.	¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.
¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.	¹² Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.
¹³ Thou shalt not kill.	¹³ You shall not kill.
¹⁴ Thou shalt not commit adultery.	¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.
¹⁵ Thou shalt not steal.	¹⁵ You shall not steal.
¹⁶ Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.	¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
¹⁷ Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.	¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female slave, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

IMPORTANT!

Write out your witness statement and become confident and comfortable speaking about it, even to strangers.

The Lord be with you always, God Bless!

