



Discussion Questions for Module 4



From “04 – Early Apologists & Leaders”

1. How should the church interact with the surrounding culture?
How does it apply?

What are some positive examples you have seen? What are some negative mistakes? What principles can you gain from your study of how the apologists responded to their culture? And how can you apply these insights in your own life and ministry?

2. How did they defend the truth of Christ? What can we learn from them?

How did the early apologists communicate and argue for the truth of Christ? How did they respond to challenges and errors they saw? Describe their approach to apologetics – what they communicated and how they communicated it? What principles can you learn from them, good and/or bad? And how can you follow their example to defend and proclaim the truth in your own situation?

3. Do you agree with the two Principles? Why or why not? How does it apply?

Explain these two principles in your own words and what about each of them causes you to agree or disagree? Try to understand and explain why the instructor thinks they are so important. In what ways have you observed these dynamics in current culture and church life? Have you seen examples of people applying these principles? Have you seen people failing to apply these principles? What was the result in either case? In what ways does this make you want to change or improve your own thought processes and approach to ministry? How can you put these things into practice?

4. What else did you learn? How does it apply?

This is a generic, open-ended question for you to think about anything else that stood out to you as important. What else did you learn from this section? Describe what you learned and why it stood out to you. Why is this insight important and impacting to you? And how can you put it into practice in your own life and ministry?