

Engaging the Mind Discussion Questions

Acts 2:14-38; 17:16-31

1. How did Van Gogh's picture of the church make you feel?
2. In what way could it relate to how people feel about the church today?
3. What is your greatest fear when it comes to witnessing?
4. How would you describe the way you witness to people?
5. Did you see yourself in either one of the approaches mention in the sermon this week? In what way?
6. Why is it easy for us to find fault with an approach that is different from ours?
7. Why do we need others to assist us at times?
8. What is the benefit of the direct approach of Peter? What are the draw backs?
9. How do prayer and the Holy Spirit assist us in witnessing to others? Can you give an example?
10. Why is it important to be personal when you are witnessing?
11. How can you tell if you were communicating the gospel message clearly?
12. Does witnessing poorly equal a failure? Why or why not?
13. What makes a message persuasive?
14. How can you use this direct approach and still be tactful and sensitive?
15. If you were to take an intellectual approach, what is one logical piece of information would you use?
16. How can you be courteous with someone who you may disagree with their lifestyle?
17. What can we use in our approach that would make our message contemporary?
18. How can we discover what people are interested in?
19. What helps you to be courageous in your witnessing?
20. Should we be offended and hurt if people are contemptuous? Why or why not?

21. Should we feel like we failed if this is their response? Why or why not?
22. When using the intellectual approach, how can we make sure we don't become so focused on winning the debate that we turn the person away from the message?
23. Do you have to have all the answers to people's questions? Why or why not? Does this remove some of the fear you have about witnessing? Why or why not?