

**Defending The Faith**  
IFCA National Convention Report  
Grace Church Of Lockeford ~ 8/30/15

One of the major ways in which we as believers defend the faith is with our lives.  
We have a three-fold goal this morning. We want to see...  
The need to defend our faith.  
The method to defend our faith.  
How IFCA is defending the faith.

When we leave this morning my prayer is that we will be equipped, empowered, and passionate to defend our faith.

One of the pillars of IFCA is the idea of doctrinal purity that leads to practical sanctified living.

### **What Is The IFCA?**

### **What Does The IFCA Do?**

Identifying those we can partner with and not having to worry about where they stand doctrinally is a huge deal!

### **What Is The National Convention?**

### **Session # 1 – Dr. Stephen Davey**

*Philippians 1:27-30* – We need to change our perspective on suffering!

3 encouraging reminders.

1. Salvation is a gift of grace

## 2. Suffering is a privilege to embrace

God's objective is not to pamper us but to perfect us.

## 3. Suffering is to be expected as commonplace

The church will be most effective when in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

*Philippians 1:6, 10; 2:16*

If we are going to defend the faith, then we need to embrace suffering.

### **Men's Business Session**

"Statement on Biblical vs. Same – Sex Marriage"

### **Men's Strategic Reports**

### **Men's Strategic Planning break-outs**

Vision America

The goal of Vision America is to see Bible believing churches reproducing themselves through supporting church planting. The idea is that churches would work together to help plant churches.

### **Session # 2 – Ken Ham**

Teach the Word of God as the truth and nothing but the truth. That it is reliable in everything that it says!

Modern society wages war on the Word of God at every turn! We need to be teaching and training our young people on how to defend it.

The bottom line is that the authority of God's Word rises or falls on the reliability of all of God's Word.

If we are going to earnestly contend for the faith, we have to know, understand, and use the Word of God. We cannot contend in our own strength. We need the Lord!

### **Session # 3 – Dr. Richard Bargas**

“The real goal of apologetics is the clear proclamation of the gospel.”

*Acts 17* – 4 critical practices in being a faithful witness.

1. Know Your Audience
2. Reason From The Scriptures
3. Bridge The Known And The Unknown
4. Correct Error With Truth

A faithful witness has to correct the error of this world with the truth of the Word of God. But to do that we must do the above 4 things. This is the method for defending the faith!

### **Creation Museum**

#### **Session # 4 – Ken Ham**

The Ark Encounter

### **Workshop – Scott Bashoor**

Wrongly Defending the Inerrant Word: Interpreting Scripture References about Scripture

What is proof-texting? It is when we take a particular verse of Scripture and use it to prove a point. This can be a good thing, but oftentimes the context of the verse is ignored.

*Acts 17:11*

*Isaiah 55:10-12*

Some keys to determining context.

1. Determining intent for the Original Audience
2. Examining layers & Building understanding
3. Understanding before application

Our method of defending the faith is using the Word of God and living the Word of God. But we must handle it correctly in order to use it to defend!

### **Workshop – Bud Haskell**

Church Growth / Church Health: Where is the Balance? (Panel Discussion)

Church growth tends to place all the emphasis on numbers.

Church health can overemphasize personal development to the point that outreach is ignored.

We need to find the balance.

### **Session # 5 – Dr. Les Lofquist**

*John 15:18-19* – The world hated Jesus and it hates you. You cannot be accepted by the world and a follower of Christ.

*1Peter 1:13*

*1Peter 3:13-17*

1. Don't be afraid
2. Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts
3. Always be ready!
4. Have a hope v. 15
5. Demonstrate hope
6. Don't rely on hateful retaliation v. 16
7. Live a Godly life! V. 16

The most powerful testimony you can give is to invite your unsaved neighbor over for a meal so they can see your life.

The IFCA is defending the faith through equipping churches to accomplish the Great Commission.

We need to defend the faith because it is being corrupted on the inside and attacked on the outside!

We defend our faith through knowing the Word of God and living Christ honoring lives!

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