

**Discussion Questions: Chapter 2 –**

1. From the end of chapter 1: How would you answer the person who says, “If God calls His chosen, can’t He achieve this without any case-making effort on our part?” (This is one of the major reasons that many pastors do not welcome more apologetics into their churches.)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. “You don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ if you have no intention of deploying. ... As long as our experience as the church is \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting in a church (building), there’s \_\_\_\_\_ reason to engage in meaningful training.”
3. “\_\_\_\_\_ eternity hangs in the balance and our destiny rests on the central \_\_\_\_\_ claims of the Christian worldview, what kind of people would we be if we let our friends and neighbors spend their \_\_\_\_\_ lives \_\_\_\_\_ from God?”
4. In what two ways do Christians proclaim the gospel?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Speaking of the shrinking number of Americans who have a Biblical world view, Wallace says, “... the [survey] numbers don’t \_\_\_\_\_. Few Christians actually understand \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity teaches, and even fewer young Christians can \_\_\_\_\_ what they believe.”

6. A few paragraphs earlier, Wallace described the essential beliefs of a Biblical world view. What are they?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are the 5 parts of the TRAIN acronym, and what does each mean?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Seven questions – “The Forensic Faith Readiness Review”:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ are you a Christian? (Be honest about this response, in spite of what we’ve already discussed in the preface of this book.)
  - b. What \_\_\_\_\_ do you have to believe God exists?
  - c. Why do you trust what the Bible says about \_\_\_\_\_?
  - d. Why would God send people to hell just because they don’t \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_?
  - e. If God is all-\_\_\_\_\_ and all-\_\_\_\_\_, why is there so much \_\_\_\_\_ in the world?
  - f. If God is the creator of everything, who \_\_\_\_\_ God?
  - g. Why would a loving God command the total \_\_\_\_\_ of all of Israel’s enemies (including their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_)?
9. “Many young people, when asked why they left the church in their college years, cited the difficulty they had in \_\_\_\_\_ someone in their Christian community or \_\_\_\_\_ who could adequately answer [their] ... objections.”

10. “We’re capable of much more than we typically require of ourselves as believers. The young people in our midst are also far more \_\_\_\_\_ than we typically \_\_\_\_\_.”
11. “I never underestimate the ability of my audience, even if they are very \_\_\_\_\_; they can handle whatever I’m teaching if they understand what’s at \_\_\_\_\_.”
12. Extra credit: Ask yourself if you’re raising the bar for yourself? Are you stretching yourself by studying a book on a ‘deeper’ and more difficult topic, or by choosing documentaries, lecture and debate videos sometimes rather than sitcoms and other passive entertainment television? Are you willing to leave the safer ‘shallow end’ of the philosophy/theology pool?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. “It isn’t enough to understand the evidence supporting \_\_\_\_\_ side of the argument; we need to address the claims of the \_\_\_\_\_ directly. ... to examine the most \_\_\_\_\_ atheistic claims we can find. ... to inoculate my [our] students, rather than \_\_\_\_\_ them.
14. Speaking of today’s aggressive ‘new atheists’, Wallace says “I didn’t want their first exposure to these men (and their ideas) to be while they were in a \_\_\_\_\_ setting, far from a \_\_\_\_\_ response.”
15. “Christianity is experiencing a renaissance of Christian case making, due, in part, to the growing \_\_\_\_\_ expressed by the \_\_\_\_\_.”
16. In what sense is the word ‘renaissance’ an accurate or perhaps even inaccurate description of today’s Christian apologetics community?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. “It’s time to get inoculated. Don’t avoid the books, videos, or podcasts created by \_\_\_\_\_. Read what they have to say. Let their claims \_\_\_\_\_ you to the \_\_\_\_\_, if need be, and then

- begin to \_\_\_\_\_ their claims with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
18. “Remember, the authors of Scripture have \_\_\_\_\_ us to critically examine what they’ve written, using our God-given ability to \_\_\_\_\_, test, and discern. God’s not afraid of your \_\_\_\_\_.”
19. “ ... if you want to embrace a training model in your own life as a Christian, the most important first move you can make is with a \_\_\_\_\_. ... If you want to train more \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than your study notes.”
20. “The first trip [to Utah to interact with Mormons] taught us \_\_\_\_\_ Christian \_\_\_\_\_.”
21. “Our Berkeley missions trip taught us to think carefully about \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ for Christianity.”
22. Speaking of those two trips, “These battlefields brought the educational experience to life. ... We were trained to understand \_\_\_\_\_ we believed \_\_\_\_\_ we believed, and we came to truly \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Utah and the students at Berkeley. These \_\_\_\_\_, taxing, labor-intensive opportunities turned teaching into \_\_\_\_\_.”
23. “Our mastery of the ‘\_\_\_\_\_ we have for our ‘hope in Jesus’ should result in an attitude of ‘gentleness and respect.’ The more we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for battle, the \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_ we will be in the height (and heat) of the struggle. The more “\_\_\_\_\_” we are, the more “gentle” and “respectful” we will be.”
24. “Now, more than ever, parents need to raise their children with a \_\_\_\_\_ faith. We need to be ready to answer their questions and raise them with the \_\_\_\_\_ confidence they will need to stand tall in the midst of the \_\_\_\_\_ they will inevitably experience in the university. Training \_\_\_\_\_.”

25. Wallace closes this chapter by saying, “the best Christian case makers are the ones who continually engage the \_\_\_\_\_ and respond to the \_\_\_\_\_ levied by unbelievers. The best case makers see each \_\_\_\_\_ to engage others as an act of training, if nothing else.”
26. “It doesn’t matter how \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity. You may be in a brief one-on-one conversation with a coworker, or you may be talking with a waiter about issues in the culture; whatever the situation, the \_\_\_\_\_ you engage, the \_\_\_\_\_ you train, the \_\_\_\_\_ your case-making efforts will become part of your \_\_\_\_\_ memory.”
27. “If you’re eager to embrace a forensic faith, you’ll need to start by embracing your \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian case maker and \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to training.”