

# Basic Apologetics with Bruce Austin

This class is designed to equip believers to be able to give an answer for your faith and defend a Christian worldview. It will provide you with a basic overview of the truth claims of Christianity and ways to answer questions you may encounter as you share your faith.

## **I Introduction to Apologetics - What is it?**

(Faith is not Blind and Blind Faith is not biblical)

## **II Does Truth Exist? - Is there an absolute truth?**

(Christianity, Islam, Atheism nor any other world view cannot be true, if truth is relative, or just true for you, but not for me)

## **III Does God Exist? Arguments for the existence of God - An Overview**

(There can be no Word of God unless God Exist)

- A) Cosmological- Kalam
- B) Teleological - Fine Tuning
- C) Moral - Is there an objective standard? A law must have a law-giver
- D) Ontological- Logical
- E) Contingency - Existence is not contingent on anything else

## **IV Are Miracles Possible?**

(If miracles don't happen then Christianity is nonsense)

I Corinthians 15:12-19)

## **V Is the New Testament True? - The reliability of the New Testament**

(Unless truth, God and miracles are possible, then the NT doesn't stand a chance)

- A) How did we get it?
  - 1) Who wrote it and when?
  - 2) Is it historically accurate?
  - 3) Canonization - How did we get these specific books?
  - 4) Copies - what about all those variants?
- B) Textual Criticism- Study of Manuscript evidence to determine the autograph.

Cost: None

## **BetterMan with Sean Muratet**

Betterman is an 11-week study designed to point men toward biblical masculinity. The class seeks to equip men to live out God's plan for your life with confidence and purpose as you deepen your understanding of God's design for men.

1. Manhood Today
2. Looking Back
3. Unpacking
4. The Dad Factor
5. Defining Manhood
6. God and the Good Life
7. A Real Man Courageously Follows God's Word
8. A Real Man Loves and Protects God's Woman
9. A Real Man Excels at God's Work
10. A Real Man Betters God's World
11. Manhood and The Future

Cost: \$12 Workbook

# How to Study the Bible with David Tindal

This introductory class teaches basic Bible study principles and disciplines that are intended to foster a growing love for God's Word. You will be introduced to methods and tools that will assist in becoming rooted and grounded in the truth found in Scripture.

1. Introduction to Studying the Bible
  - The Bible, the Word of God?
  - Preparing to study the Bible
  - Helpful practices for studying the Bible
  - Resources for deeper Bible Study
  - Introduction to the Blue Letter Bible
2. Guidelines for Bible Study
  - Context verse pretext
  - Understanding the audience
  - Discovering biblical divisions
  - Applications for biblical text
  - Why these words?
  - Seeing God's plans
  - Invisible in the visible
  - Biblical interpretations
  - The consistency of the Word of God
  - New truths in familiar texts
  - Types and pictures in the Bible

Cost: None

# Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage – Syllabus

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Format: 12-Week Course

Instructors: Rick and Kathleen Messer

## Primary Resources:

- Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Video Sessions (Mark Gungor)
- Participant Worksheets (optional)
- Instructor Scripture/Reflection Notes

## COURSE OVERVIEW

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This study uses humor, storytelling, and practical teaching to help couples strengthen communication, deepen emotional connection, understand gender differences, and build a more fulfilling marriage. Mark Gungor’s practical, high-energy style makes the content accessible, engaging, and deeply memorable.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

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By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify key communication barriers between men and women.
- Explain how emotional and cognitive differences affect marital expectations.
- Apply practical tools to improve conflict resolution.
- Strengthen intimacy, trust, and teamwork within marriage.
- Build long-term habits that lead to a joyful, resilient relationship.

### **Week 1 — Responding to Marital Challenges**

An introduction to the realities of marriage, addressing the misconception that most problems are “heart problems” rather than “head problems.”

### **Week 2 — The Tale of Two Brains (Part 1)**

Explores male/female relational differences, humorously explaining how men and women think, store information, and communicate.

### **Week 3 — The Tale of Two Brains (Part 2)**

A deeper study on emotional processing, stereotypes, stress responses, and why spouses think differently.

### **Week 4 — How to Stay Married and NOT Kill Anybody**

Focuses on stress, frustration, anger cycles, and forgiveness as key habits for healthy marriages.

**Week 5 — Communication 101**

Mark Gungor emphasizes communication as the root of almost all unhappy marriages.

**Week 6 — Unlocking Personality (The Flag Page)**

Introduces the Flag Page; helps couples discover motivations, values, and strengths.

**Week 7 — Conditional Relationships**

Discusses conditional vs. unconditional love, exploring grace-based relationships.

**Week 8 — Self-Esteem and Your Marriage**

Shows how personal insecurity affects marriage and how spouses can build each other up.

**Week 9 — The #1 Key to Incredible Sex (Part 1)**

Addresses differences in how men and women view physical intimacy.

**Week 10 — The #1 Key to Incredible Sex (Part 2)**

A continuation of intimacy discussion with practical steps for growing closeness.

**Week 11 — Exclusivity and Lust**

Explores boundaries, trust, and how to guard marriage against outside temptations.

**Week 12 — Covenant and Commitment**

Final emphasis on marriage as a lifelong covenant of perseverance, joy, unity, and purpose.

Cost: \$15 Workbook