

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY | PASTOR ELY REYNOLDS | NOVEMBER 12, 2025

#10 = "I AM A _____ CHRISTIAN."

1 Peter 3:15

THE ARGUMENT = "I am a deconstructed Christian" or "I am deconstructing my faith."

THE ANSWERS

1. Ask them what they mean by that statement and _____ to them.

- I would ask for further clarification on what they mean by that.
- Have they stopped going to church? Are they saying they believed the wrong doctrine? Are they saying they don't like the rules they were raised with? Are they bitter at God? Are they simply re-examining the things they were raised to believe?
- Listen before you _____.

2. Remember that these statements come from something.

- They may be saying that they are deconstructing, but what they may really be saying is that they are disillusioned, _____, or filled with doubt.
- Many people were raised with very strict rules, but there was no relationship or no _____.
- It is very important that we know the "what" and the "_____."

3. _____ beliefs with an open, honest, humble heart is not a bad thing.

- The _____ is not afraid of your questions.
- "The Word of God is like a lion. You don't have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself." – Charles Spurgeon

4. While honest questioning is good, tearing down _____ can be dangerous.

- If someone is going back to the Bible to find answers, that is a good thing. If they are going away from the Bible to find answers on social media, from other deconstructed Christians, or from the world, that is a bad thing.
- Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater!
- Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. In order for branches to keep growing and produce fruit, you _____ them. You remove the dead things so that _____ things can grow.

5. Remind them that our focus should be on seeking _____ in His Word.

- John 6:68, "Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."
- We don't need to seek a feeling in a church, a good worship team, or some great leader's wisdom. We need Jesus and we find out more about Him in His Word.
- You could say, "If a man or woman in Church failed you, I'm sorry about that. But that wasn't _____."
- Ask them, "How do you view Jesus? Not Church or other Christians, but Christ?"
- Matthew 7:24, "Therefore whosoever heareth **these sayings of mine**, and doeth them, I will liken Him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:"

*Do you know what you believe and why?
Are you building your life upon the right foundation?
Does there need to be some _____ in your life?*