

# Evangelism in a Skeptical World

## Week 12

### Religious Epistemology, Apologetics (Chapter 10)

Epistemology is the study of knowledge, why do we believe some things and not other. We can decide to believe others and things based on three things:

- Logos: What I say
- Pathos: The way I make you feel (your emotions, passions)
- Ethos: The way I live (my character)

Because people trust and come to believe differently we need to treat people holistically and use Logos, Ethos, and Pathos when building trust and belief.

Sam Chan uses what he calls Modified Presuppositional Apologetics. This says presenting evidence alone will not typically be effective in sharing the gospel. The other person does not usually share my presuppositions, like the Bible is true and trustworthy. But when the presuppositions of the person are discussed and dismantled reasoning of Christian beliefs become more believable.

The summary of this method is as follows:

- Resonate: Describe, understand, and empathize with their presuppositions
- Dismantle: Show a deficiency or dissonance in their presuppositions
- Gospel: Complete their cultural storyline with the gospel