

Just start talking #2

# Talk the walk

## 1 Peter 3:8-18

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### 1. Christianity: Open to question

we are not a cult  
we are not “defensive”  
you don’t need to leave your brain at the church door

### 2. Some typical questions

more often about lifestyle than “issues”  
What is the ‘bottom line’?  
How does Christian faith work in real life?  
“I’m not the ‘religious type”

### 3. Some practical advice 1 Peter 3:14-16

“14 .....“Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” 15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

Who are you afraid of? Jesus is in control (v14-15)

Persecution for your faith?

Always be **prepared**

to give an **answer** to everyone

who **asks** you

to give the **reason** for the **hope** that you have

## 4. Great expectations

NOT “do what I say, not what I do”

Consistent living

Hope motivated living makes a difference:

life painted on an eternal canvas - not a miniature

your friends have every right to expect to see the difference  
Jesus makes to your life

## 5. How to answer? verse 15 -16

“We’d like to talk to you about Jesus”

Sundar and my new electricity meter

“with gentleness and respect”

“with a clear conscience” -

genuine love, honesty and openness,

your “yes” means “yes”, your “no” means “no”



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