

BACKGROUND

Jonathan Noyes

As an atheist, Jonathan used to think belief in God was unwarranted and actually irresponsible. Then, after examining the evidence for Christianity, he was faced with the fact that Jesus is who He says He is, and the Christian worldview tells the true story of reality.



Since then, Jon has been passionate about engaging the culture with honest, well-thought-out reasons why people should trust the Christian worldview. Jon has developed a series of passionate talks to do just that.

Jonathan grew up in Plymouth, MA, and attended American University in Washington, D.C., where he studied Criminal Justice. In 2013, he earned a Master's degree in Christian Apologetics from Biola University, and graduated with honors.

Having more than ten years' experience in the legal field and serving more than five years as a pastor in his local church, Jon brings a unique perspective to his audiences and the Stand to Reason team. Perhaps what's more effective is that Jon was an atheist and spent much of his life arguing against the existence of God.

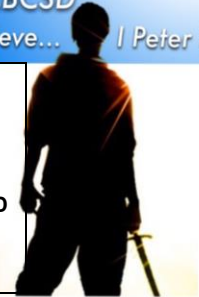
Due to his past, Jonathan is now passionate about training Christians to not only think more clearly about what they believe and why, but also to be able to communicate these things to the people around them effectively.

He currently lives in Newbury Park, CA, with his amazing wife and four daughters. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Life Without Limbs and Beacon Hill Classical Academy, where he teaches Discipleship.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th

Join us for a day that will inform, equip, and encourage you to be able to "give an account for the hope that is in you...with gentleness and respect." Our speaker this year is Jonathan Noyes from STAND to REASON. See the schedule below, and a bio of our speaker on the other side.



SESSION ONE: 9:00am During LG Worship in the B2 Worship Hall **So the Next Generation Will Know**

Young people are leaving Christianity at an unprecedented rate. How can believers better understand, relate to, equip, and train our youth? This talk explores why young people are leaving the church and encourages Christians to respond with reasonable explanations to challenges while developing authentic relationships with people. Jon offers five practical ways to help the next generation see that Christianity is the true story of reality. He discusses the difference between teaching and training, and encourages inoculation versus isolation.

SESSION TWO: 10:45 to Noon, During the Christian Formation Hour in the B1 Main Sanctuary

Hello, My Name Is: Atheist

In this interactive role-play, Jon puts on the hat of an atheist and presents the top five reasons not to believe in God. Having been an atheist for more than 25 years, Jon brings a conversation that is very convincing and often proves to be a great way to introduce an apologetic series. The aim of the discussion is to show the participants their misunderstandings of atheism, and to help them learn why they believe, not just what they believe, thus highlighting the need for apologetics. This has proved to be a great eye-opener for students and adults.

LUNCH BREAK from 12:30 to 1:30pm (on your own)

SESSION THREE: 2:00pm to 3:30pm in the B2 Worship Hall **The Truth About Relativism**

We live in a relativistic world, one in which truth has become secondary to feelings and pleasure. During this talk, Jon will explain the history of relativism, and show how it's become the prominent belief in our culture, influencing all areas of life, including morality and even the church. He then offers some tools that help others see what's wrong with relativism, and why it doesn't accurately reflect the world around us.