



Welcome to the Fall Season of NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate. For the next several months, we will be learning new skills, researching new ideas, and building new friendships. New seasons are exciting and perhaps intimidating. So what's the best way to move into a new season?

After forty-three years of living in the same home, my parents recently moved. If you've ever moved, you know what tremendous task it is. First, you have to find or build a new house while selling the old one. Then you have to sort through the accumulated treasures to decide what must be moved and what must be given away. The physical aspect of moving is no less daunting, particularly if you're moving yourselves, and once you arrive, you must find a new place in your new space for each and every item. Some items won't fit, so you have to let go of even more, and you may also need some new items to customize each room. Eventually, after some time, your new house begins to feel like home.

Moving into a new NCFCA season is a lot like moving into a new home. For some of us, it may mean finding or building a new club. For many of us, it means sorting through our resources, deciding what to keep and what to let go of. For all of us, it means customizing for our families and our students. As you transition into this new season, give yourself grace and seek God's wisdom. Maybe you'll have to let some things go, or maybe you'll be ready to try something new. Eventually, after some time, you'll find a new rhythm that balances meaningful challenge and intentional rest.

During a significant transition, the prophet Isaiah encouraged the people of Israel: "Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise. (Isaiah 43:16-21)

Did you notice how Isaiah begins? He reminds the Israelites (and us) who God is. God is the one who makes a way in the wilderness and provides refreshment in the desert. By trusting His goodness, seeking His wisdom, and embracing His mission, we can move into this new season with confidence and grace.



Want to know what's new in NCFCA? Check out:

- Our new speech events (Biblical Presentation and After Dinner Speaking)
- Our new debate resolutions (for Policy and Value Debate)
- Our new apologetics topics (Foundation and Application)
- Our new teaching resources (Intensive Recordings and Activity Guides)

Need help navigating? Our weekly Stepping Stones will help you find your resources and chart your course for an extraordinary season of learning. Though you won't likely use every resource packed within its pages, you can customize your experience by choosing what works best for you. With ideas for both independent and collaborative learning, Stepping Stones is a helpful tool for students, parents, and coaches. Enjoy the first four weeks as our gift to you, and then [join NCFCA](#) to receive the rest.

Have questions or need prayer? Please feel free to contact us at Office@NCFCA.org. It is our privilege and pleasure to partner with you.

Friends, it's time to move into this new season, and we are excited to challenge and equip you that you might declare His praise!

In His Grace,

NCFCA Director of Education
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Apologetics

[NCFCA](#) (found in the [NCFCA Resource Library](#) and [linked here](#) for convenience)

- [NCFCA Apologetics Intensive Recordings & Participant Guide](#)
(Student & Club Packages available; Visit your NCFCA dashboard and choose NCFCA Shop)
- [NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Speech Apologetics Modules A-D](#)
(Use updated NCFCA Topics)
- [NCFCA Speech Guide 2022](#)
(Contains speech event descriptions, rules, ballots, and apologetics topics)

Parents

- *The Disciple-Making Parent* by Chap Bettis
- *Family Driven Faith* by Voddie Bacham Jr.
- *Expository Apologetics: Answering Objections with the Power of the Word* by Voddie Bacham Jr.
- *So the Next Generation Will Know: Preparing Young Christians for a Challenging World* by Sean McDowell and J. Warner Wallace
- *Mama Bear Apologetics* by Hillary Morgan Ferrer
- *Talking with Your Kids about God* by Natasha Crain
- *Talking with Your Kids about Jesus* by Natasha Crain
- *Training Hearts Teaching Minds* by Starr Meade

Students

- *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem
- *Concise Theology* by J.I. Packer
- *Foundations of the Christian Faith* by James Montgomery Boice
- *Know What you Believe, Know Who You Believe, and Know Why You Believe* by Paul E. Little
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- [Got Questions](https://www.gotquestions.org) (<https://www.gotquestions.org>)
- *Apologetics for a New Generation*, edited by Sean McDowell
- *Fearless Apologetics* by Chap Bettis (Use with updated NCFCA Topics)
- *Narrative Apologetics: Sharing the Relevance, Joy, & Wonder of the Christian Faith* by Alister McGrath
- *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions* by Gregory Koukl
- *Changing the Conversation* by Brandon J. Booth

Ministries

- [Worldview Academy](#) offers leadership camps and resources that challenge students (ages 13+) to consider worldviews, apologetics, & servant leadership.
- [Summit Ministries](#) offers conferences and curriculum that challenge students (ages 16-25) to think deeper about their personal faith and convictions.



Additional Doctrine Resources

What is the Word of God?

- *Know What You Believe* (Ch 1)
- *Know Who You Believe* (Ch 8)
- *Know Why You Believe* (Ch 5-7) by Paul E. Little
- *More than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell (Chapter 4)
- [How the Biblical Canon Was Formed](#) by Museum of the Bible

Who is God?

- *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little (Chapters 2 & 6)
- *Know Why You Believe* by Paul Little (Chapter 2)
- *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer
- *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer
- [The Attributes of God](#) by A.W. Pink

Who is man?

- *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little (Chapter 5)

Who is Jesus?

- *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little (Chapter 4)
- *Know Who You Believe* by Paul E. Little
- *More than a Carpenter* by Josh & Sean McDowell

How we are we saved?

- *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little (Chapter 7)

How should we live?

- *Know What You Believe* by Paul E. Little (Chapter 9)

Additional Application Resources

- *Know Why You Believe* by Paul E. Little
- *One Minute Answers to Sceptics: Concise Responses to the Top 50 Questions & Objections* by Charlie Campbell
- *Everyday Apologetics*, edited by Paul Chamberlain and Chris Price
- *Thinking? Answering Life's Five Biggest Questions* by Andy Steiger

Video Resources

- Apologetics by William Lane Craig (available on Right Now Media)
- Tough Questions by Ray Comfort (available on Right Now Media)
- [One Minute Apologist](https://www.youtube.com/user/oneminuteapologist) ([youtube.com/user/oneminuteapologist](https://www.youtube.com/user/oneminuteapologist))
- [Doing Apologetics in an Anti-Apologetics Age](#) by Voddie Baucham



Platform Speech

- NCFCA Platform Speech Intensive Recordings & Participant Guide
(Student & Club Packages available; Visit your NCFCA dashboard and choose NCFCA Shop)
- [NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Speech Platform Modules A-D](#)
(Use updated NCFCA Topics from the Speech Guide 2022)
- [NCFCA Speech Guide 2022](#)
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Interpretation Speech

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- [NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Speech Interpretation Modules A-D](#)
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Limited Preparation Speech

- NCFCA Apologetics Speech Intensive Recordings & Participant Guide
(Student & Club Packages available; Visit your NCFCA dashboard and choose NCFCA Shop)
- NCFCA Extemporaneous Speech Intensive Recordings & Participant Guide
(Student & Club Packages available; Visit your NCFCA dashboard and choose NCFCA Shop)
- [NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Speech Limited Prep Modules A-D](#)
(Use updated NCFCA Topics from the Speech Guide 2022)
- [NCFCA Speech Guide 2022](#)
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Policy Debate

- NCFCA Policy Debate Intensive Recordings & Participant Guide
(Student & Club Packages available; Visit your NCFCA dashboard and choose NCFCA Shop)
- [NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Policy Debate](#)
(Use updated NCFCA Policy Resolution from the Debate Guide 2022)
- [NCFCA Debate Guide 2022](#)
(Contains debate event descriptions, rules, evidence citation guidelines, and ballots)
- NCFCA Policy Debate Ballot (coming soon)
- [NCFCA Policy Debate Flowsheet \(letter size\)](#)
- [NCFCA Policy Resolution White Paper](#)
- [NCFCA Policy AFF Case](#)
- [NCFCA Policy AFF Backup](#)
- [NCFCA Policy NEG Brief](#)
- [NCFCA Policy Exhibition Round](#)



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Apologetics

Independent Learning

DISCOVER	Apologetics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why should ambassadors for Christ prepare to defend the faith?• Is Apologetics an event or a lifestyle?• How can we discover and apply a biblical worldview?• What do you notice about the new Apologetics Topics in Appendix B? The Word of God <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the purpose of Scripture?• What is the biblical canon?• What is inerrancy? What is divine inspiration?
WATCH	NCFCA Apologetics Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation <i>(Student Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)</i>
READ	NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Speech, Apol Module A NCFCA Speech Guide 2022 <i>(APOL rules, ballots, and topics)</i>
READ	Day 1 - Deuteronomy 31:9-13 <i>Who should read the Word of God? Why?</i>
	Day 2 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 <i>Who inspired Scripture? Why is it useful?</i>
	Day 3 - 2 Peter 1:20-21 <i>Was Scripture authored by men or by God? Does it matter?</i>
	Day 4 - Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 22:19 <i>Why can't we just pick the parts we like best or add what we feel is missing?</i>
	Day 5 - Proverbs 30:5, Psalm 119:160 <i>Can we trust the Scriptures? Why?</i>
	Day 6 - John 17:17 <i>What did Jesus say about the Scriptures?</i>



STEPPING STONES – WEEK 1

Collaborative Learning

WARM-UP	Sword Drills		
WATCH	NCFCA Apologetics Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation <i>(Club Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)</i>		
DISCUSS	Apologetics and The Word of God <i>(See questions above.)</i>		
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PREVIEW	Week 2 Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add ideas from community to your cards• Watch Apologetics Intensive Session 2: Understanding the Word• Read Comprehensive Guide to Speech, APOL Mod. B (pp. 205-213)• Study the Word daily• Prepare cards for topics		



Platform Speech

Independent Learning

DISCOVER	The Foundation of Platform Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why should ambassadors for Christ be prepared to speak?• What is a platform speech?• How can we discover effective platform speech topics?
WATCH	NCFCA Platform Speech Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation (Student Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)
READ	NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Platform Module A: Selecting Your Topic, pp. 85-92 (Passive Research)• NCFCA Speech Guide 2022 (Event rules, ballots, and topics)• Learn about After Dinner Speaking, Digital Presentation, Informative, and Persuasive
PREPARE	Your own speech topics (Invention) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What has God been teaching me?• What do I enjoy?• What causes am I passionate about?

Collaborative Learning

WARM-UP	Ice breaker or speech game		
WATCH	NCFCA Platform Speech Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation (Club Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)		
DISCUSS	Platform Speech (See questions above.)		
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DISCUSS	Speech Topics (See questions above.)		
PREVIEW	Week 2 Assignments: Broad Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch the Platform Speech Intensive Session 2: Narrowing the Field• Read the Comprehensive Guide, Platform Mod. A• Complete: Brain Dump (p. 97) and Mind Map (p. 99)		



Interpretation Speech

Independent Learning

DISCOVER	Interpretation Speech and Quality Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why should ambassadors for Christ bring stories to life?• What is an interpretation speech?• What are the different types of interp speeches?• What makes a story good? How can we find the best stories to share?
WATCH	<u>NCFCA Interp Speech Intensive Session 1: Searching for Treasure</u> <i>(Student Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)</i>
READ	<u>NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Speech</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCFCA Interp Module A: Selecting Quality Literature• Review the <u>NCFCA Speech Guide 2022</u> for current events, rules, and ballots.
PREPARE	Your own speech by brainstorming stories <i>(Invention)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are my favorite childhood stories?• Which stories caused me to think differently?• Which stories share messages that impact me?• Would they resonate with others?

Collaborative Learning

WARM-UP	Ice breaker or speech game		
WATCH	<u>NCFCA Interp Speech Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation</u> <i>(Club Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)</i>		
DISCUSS	Interp Speech and Quality Literature <i>(See questions above.)</i>		
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DISCUSS	Interps and Quality Literature <i>(See questions above.)</i>		
PREVIEW	Week 2 Assignments: Broad Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 2 Assignments• Finish work from this session• Watch <u>Interp Speech Intensive Session 2: Choosing Your Scenes</u>• Read <u>The Comprehensive Guide to Speech, Interp Mod. B</u> <i>(pp. 45-46)</i>		



Policy Debate

Independent Learning

DISCOVER	The Foundations of Policy Debate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why should ambassadors of Christ learn to debate?• What is policy debate?• How can policy debaters persuade with the stock issues?
WATCH	NCFCA Policy Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation (Student Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)
READ	NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Policy Debate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesson 1: Why Debate?• Lesson 4: Stock Issues, Part 1• Review NCFCA Debate Guide for resolutions and updated rules
PREPARE	NCFCA Policy Resolution White Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the resolution?• What actor is named in the resolution?• What specific prisoners are addressed in this resolution?• How are they unique?• What four pillars must be balanced when sentencing?• What other considerations should we weigh?

Collaborative Learning

WARM-UP	Ice breaker or speaking drill		
WATCH	Policy Debate Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation (Club Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)		
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DISCUSS	NCFCA Policy Resolution White Paper (See questions above.)		
PREVIEW	Week 2 Assignments: Broad Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch: Policy Debate Intensive Session 2: Surveying the Land• Read: Comprehensive Guide to Policy Debate Lesson 3• Research: 3 articles about convicted prisoners under federal jurisdiction		



Value Debate

Independent Learning

DISCOVER	The Foundations of Value Debate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why should ambassadors for Christ learn to debate values? • What is value debate? • How can value debaters persuade with the three key issues?
WATCH	<u>NCFCA Value Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation</u> <i>(Student Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)</i>
READ	<u>NCFCA Comprehensive Guide to Value Debate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 1: Introduction to Value Debate • Lesson 2: Presuppositions
PREPARE	NCFCA Value Resolution White Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the resolution? • What are the two key questions that must be answered? • What is the context of the resolution? • Is there an actor? If not, who chooses the actor? • What is philosophy? • What are the key philosophical lenses in this resolution?

Collaborative Learning

WARM-UP	Ice breaker or speaking drill		
WATCH	<u>Value Debate Intensive Session 1: Laying the Foundation</u> <i>(Club Package, Log in to NCFCA.org, Visit the NCFCA Shop)</i>		
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DISCUSS	<u>NCFCA Value Resolution White Paper</u> <i>(See questions above.)</i>		
PREVIEW	Week 2 Assignments: Philosophical Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch <u>Value Debate Intensive Session 2: Surveying the Land</u> • Read <u>Comprehensive Guide to Value Debate Lesson 3</u> • Research “<u>Virtue Ethics, Deontology, and Consequentialism</u>” by Brandon Roby 		