

Interview: Rethinking apologetics for the black church

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When Lisa Fields started college, she was a preacher's kid who'd grown up inside of the church and never encountered opposition to her faith. That changed in her first New Testament class when she studied a textbook by Bart Ehrman, a professor of religious studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, who argues against the inerrancy of Scripture.

"I'd been in church my whole life," says Fields. "I was in a Christian bubble. I thought the class would be like Sunday school, I thought it was going to be an easy A, but I really struggled. Through that experience, my dad introduced me to Ravi Zacharias and that helped me start thinking critically about my faith."

In the years since then, Fields has founded an organization called the [Jude 3 Project](#), which uses apologetics to address the unique "intellectual struggles of Christians of African descent in the United States and abroad." The organization offers lectures and seminars, training courses, podcast discussions, and a conversation forum called Courageous Conversations, which pairs black scholars and pastors trained in both conservative and progressive seminaries. ...

CT spoke recently with Fields about the first fruits of her project and why black suburbia is one of her main areas of outreach.

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