

Bridges – Christians Connecting with Muslims

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ISLAM RISING: THE QUR'AN

After this session, you will understand:

❖ The role of the Qur'an and the Hadith

Pray that God will cultivate in you:

❖ a *heart* to care about Muslims

❖ *eyes* to see them

❖ *actions* to follow learning

In the Gospel, God's Word was Jesus. In Islam, God's word became a book.

QUR'AN

- The Holy Book of Islam
- Word of God revealed _____ verse _____ by _____ verse _____ through Muhammad
- Arabic meaning = "*to recite*"

IMPORTANCE

Some Muslims take the study of the Qur'an seriously and may memorize the entire text.

The book itself is considered to have _____ power _____.

Muslim scholars say the Qur'an cannot be translated from Allah's language, Arabic.

All attempts are translations of the "meaning" of the Qur'an.

HADITH

The Hadith are collected _____ traditions _____ of Muhammad, second only to the authority of the Qur'an.

They were collected 300 years after Muhammad's death.

Islam claims that the Hadith and the Qur'an must be studied together.

There are multiple versions of the Hadith (Sunni and Shiite have their own accounts).

THE QUR'AN TODAY

In approximately 650 AD, Caliph Uthman bin Afan (the 3rd Caliph) compiled the first Qur'an from various writings of Muhammad's followers.

Because all the manuscripts and variant texts were burned, there is no original record available for us today.

In addition, Muslim scholars claim the Qur'an

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

DISCUSS

- 1) What are two new things you learned about Islam in the last 2 weeks?
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- 2) John 3:16 says God sent Jesus because of his love for the world. From what you know about Islam, what can Jesus offer Muslims?

Matthew 24:14.
"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

MEMORIZE AND REFLECT:

Matthew 24:14. What is your reaction to this verse?

ACTION ASSIGNMENT 1: MAKE A MUSLIM FRIEND

- 1) Locate a Middle Eastern restaurant, shop, or market, and try to meet someone who is Muslim. Other places to meet Muslims could include international festivals, work events, mosques, refugee centers, or ESL programs. (If you currently have a Muslim friend or neighbor, that's a great place to start.)
- 2) Begin a casual conversation with your new acquaintance. You could ask him or her what country he or she is from or about his family. (It is best for women to share with women and men with men).
- 3) After you meet a Muslim, fill in the form on the next page.
- 4) Pray for your new Muslim friend by name, daily.
- 5) Next week, share about your experience with the group

Date completed: _____

New Friend's Name: _____

Where I met him or her: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Contact Info (if provided): _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, how nervous were you to approach him/her?

Totally at ease										Scared to Death
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

How did Christ help you in this encounter? _____
