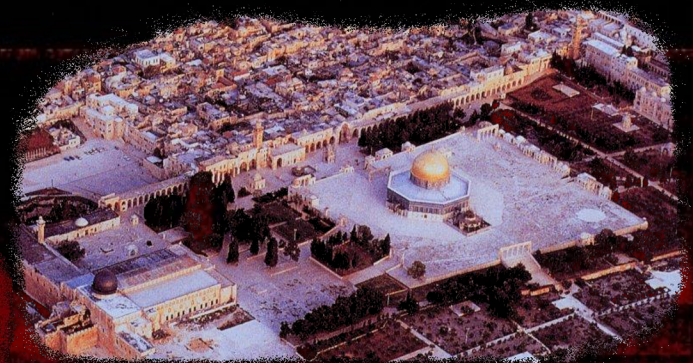


Reaching out to Muslim Neighbors

Start with a Prayer



What a Muslim Goes through on His Way to Christ

Four things that a Muslim has to by pass to know JESUS

- The Bible is corrupted, and you should never read it
- Denial of the deity of Jesus Christ and the cross
- Muslim Should not Question his/her faith
- Jews and Christians hate Muslims

My testimony

- Family
- Zucchini Bread
- College Kids
- Bible tapes
- Copy of the Bible and getting arrested
- Losing faith
- Vision

What a Muslim Goes through on His Way to Christ

- Normal Stages that a Muslims goes threwh to come to Jesus
 - Investigation
 - Stepping away from the old believe
 - Defensive state (Denial)
 - Discovery stat and/or Dreams and Visions
 - New Faith Evaluation state
 - Submission to convections (Accepting the new discoveries)
 - Accepting Christ as GOD with (skepticism and questions)
 - Decision State (An act affirming death of the past) Baptism...
 - Public confession of conversion
 - Deep understanding of the new found faith

- *Rom 2:14-15 (for when Gentiles that have not the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are the law unto themselves; in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them);*

Prepare Yourself

- ❑ **Pray** about it and ask for wisdom from GOD (Holy Spirit)... and to be a living Gospel
- ❑ I believe that there are **6 Gospels**
 - Matthew, Luke, Mark , John, Isaiah and **You**
 - **Most people do not read the 1st five Gospels**
- ❑ **Be lead by**
 - **Love (Care)**, Genuine **Compassion** for Them and **Desire for their Salvation** (Sacrifice is the biggest evidence of LOVE) << Love is a weapon
- ❑ Brother Andrew said,
 - **“We loose the privilege to minister to people, when we start viewing them as enemies”**
 - We are providing the most basic human right to the world **“To hear about Jesus”**

Prepare Yourself

- ❑ **Avoided politics** and talking (Do not politicize the Faith), though they will try to:
 - Israel's right to exist or not
 - Crusades
 - Gulf war or war on terrorism

- ❑ It is all about **CHRIST** and the **Cross**

- ❑ Remember that this is **not an argument** to win or loose but about the **TRUTH**

- ❑ I am of the believe that there is no question that they will ask you, where the **answer is not in the Bible**

- ❑ Arabs are different from gentiles and Jews
 - They are legalistic
 - Special covenant (Bodily covenant)

Prepare Yourself

- ❑ **Study** and your **opponent's (Muslim)**
 - **Techniques**
 - Most **commonly asked questions**
 - Learn the answers and **limit your answers to ONE minute** for each
 - Come up with questions relative (**Leading questions, open them to thinking for themselves**)

- ❑ **Do you own home work**
 - **Study** the **questions** that you should **ask**
 - **Learn** how they **answer** them
 - **Develop arguments** to their **expected answers**

- ❑ **Never debate in a public settings unless** you are very **qualify**, otherwise you will make the **TRUTH** the victim (**Start one on one, if possible**)

Focus on the Truth “The Bible” and Love

- ❑ **Book of John** is a good start. Why?
 - **Start from before Genesis** and **ends way after the resurrection**
 - **Jesus' deity**
 - Contains **answers to many harasses**
 - **Explains why Jesus came? Why HE had to die ?**
 - **John 3:16 "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.**
 - **Proves Jesus to be true messenger from GOD and GOD (Miracles)**
 - The most **mature** of the Gospels **85-90AD.**
 - **Written for unbelievers**
 - **John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

How to Minister to Muslims

What to do if you have a Muslim close to you?

- ❑ **Pray** for them after asking him/her in open environment
- ❑ **Be a living Gospel** to him/her
- ❑ **Witness** to him/her (Be a friend)
 - Give a **Bible** or media (DVD/CD/Tape...)
 - **Internet** ministries and Emails
 - Educate yourself
 - Ask questions
 - Answer questions
 - Be relevant to them

Things to Remember Page (1)

Things You Need to Know and Remember, as You Talking to Muslims

1. Muslims are **deceived and their zeal is what drives them** to do the things they do.
2. Mid-Eastern people, take debating as a sport.
3. Muslims are **commanded not question their religion (Lead them out of this stage)**.
4. **Muslims by nature are suspicious about your friendship**, Quran says that Jews and Christians will never be satisfied until you fallow their faith.
5. Remember when talking to Muslims, that **it is not an argument to win or loose** but it is about getting them to know the salvation that is given through Christ Jesus
6. Love is substituted with Honor and Assurance is Replaced with Fear

Things to Remember Page (2)

Techniques to Use

7. Be Objective, do NOT put your opinion into what you say... state what the BIBLE says
8. Avoid offensive language and statements
9. Pick a Christian Field to Win him or her (Be on the defensive side 1st)
10. Pick the Islamic Field at a later stage because it will be offensive (Be on the offensive side when you become friends)
11. You should **form you debate as questions** when you 1st meet a Muslim (Open doors).
12. **Ask open ended questions** that start with why/how...
13. Always **start by asking easy questions** about Islam that makes them open up to talking about religion, such as what are the pillars of Islam and what do they mean?

Things to Remember Page (3)

Tips on How to Answer Muslims

14. **Questions that Muslims ask Christians are very limited**, so study them and know their answers.
15. Your **answer should be short and precise** (We will practice a max 60 Second answers).
16. When answering try to **answer from the Bible or the Quran and Hadith**
17. You need to give them much more time to talk and answer, they will hang themselves with what they say (Islam convicts itself)
18. If you don't know the answer just say I don't know I will find out and get back to you.



Things to Remember Page (4)

Secrecy and Trust

19. **Keep any dialogs confidential**, or they will cutoff the friendship, without warning
20. **Don't talk about other Muslim/s in front of other Muslim/s**
21. **Do not share anything about what you talked about with anyone unless you ask for permission**

Things to Remember Page (5)

Ministry Tips and Must-Know

1. **Same gender ministry** or parent child figure is good policy
2. Have some handy information to give away
3. Start a Bible study, Book of John is a good place
4. Conversion from Islam considered Treason and is punishable by death and isolation from friends and family
5. Prepare yourself to be surrogate family if He/She leaves Islam
6. Use your resources friends, books, internet at a latter part...
7. Make sure that you collect the person's information and contact for latter meeting/s.
8. Use what you will learn in this class to ask questions and not to make offensive statements.
9. Apologize at the end if you offended him and that is not your intention we both want the truth



Things to Remember Page (6)

11. Try to do everything privately, and don't talk openly in a group...
12. E-mail is a very good tool, if you don't want to be known who you are (Create an anonymous E-mail)
13. Leave a hope for them that they might convert you to Islam.
14. Isaiah 53, 700 Years before Christ. The dead sea scrolls... a key... Focus on Love and John 3:16



Some Key Questions that Muslims ask:

- ❑ How is it that you worship three gods? How do you worship a man that is born from a woman and went to the Bathroom?
- ❑ Who was running the universe when god was dead?
Explain the Trinity
Limitation of Allah to be in one place
- ❑ GOD can just forgive sin, why did Jesus had to die?
Have to explain redemption and the purpose of Jesus coming to this world
- ❑ Jesus never said HE is GOD! And Jesus refused to be called GOOD!
Luk 18:19 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone."
- ❑ The Bible says that no one can see GOD!
Joh 6:46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

Some Key Questions that Muslims ask:

- Trinity
- Divinity
- Rejecting Paul's writings
- Denial of Muhammad's prophet hood
- Inspiration of the Bible
- How can you believe that all your sins are forgiven just by believing in Jesus (*Issa*), a prophet?
- How can Christianity say that man is forgiven his sins just by grace and faith in Jesus as a Savior?"
- How can Christians claim to be followers of God when culturally you practice all kinds of sins, which are morally unacceptable to God?
- How can you say that an innocent infant is born with sinful nature?
- The Bible say that prophets sined

Where Did Jesus Say He Is God?

☐ HE said that HE is GOD

- Joh 8:56-59 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad. The Jews therefore said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was born, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.**
- Joh 10:30-31 **I and the Father are one.** The Jews took up stones again to stone him.

☐ He used the names and characters of God for Himself

- Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live;
- Joh 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and **I will raise him up at the last day.**

**I was asked by a friend if there is a certain process to have a successful ministry
Hmmm...**

**I thought and thought then after I thought I have to say that there is no formula to
evangelism... GOD can use us in a very amazing and unexpected ways**

Here is what I tend to advice people to do

Jesus mission as described in John 12:46-50

**Joh 12:46 I have come as a Light into the world, so that whoever believes on Me
should not remain in darkness. Joh 12:47 And if any one hears My Words and does
not believe, I do not judge him, for I do not come to judge the world, but to save the
world. Joh 12:48 He who rejects Me and does not receive My Words has one who
judges him; the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

**This passage describes the most important reason of why Jesus came to this world and
that is to save and guide us all to salvation through Himself**

**Also, that the word of God is the source of judgment and convection to us all and
without it, we are depriving people from hearing the truth**

**Pray and ask GOD for wisdom to be a true representative of Jesus heart and desire
Pray for those that you are trying to minister to, remember that they are loved by God
and that is why Jesus went to the cross**