

UNDERSTANDING AND REACHING MUSLIMS

Why Reach Muslim Students?

- Numbers: There are 1.6 billion Muslims in the world, they are members of the largest unreached people group in the world
- The opportunity: There are over 150,000 Muslim students that God brought to the U.S., most come from difficult to access countries like Iran or Saudi Arabia, and they're more receptive here
- The need: They are lost without Jesus

How to Be an Effective Ambassador for Christ:

- Know what we believe and why; Muslims will challenge our beliefs in the Bible, God, Jesus, and the means of salvation
- Know more about what they believe, their culture, and their worldview

Reasons Why Muslims Decide to Follow Christ (according to a survey):

- Not one apologetic or intellectual issue made the top five, all are heart or emotional issues
- The lifestyle of followers of Jesus, the love that the followers of Jesus exhibit in their relationship with others and their treatment of women as equals
- The power of God in answered prayers and healing, usually dreams about Jesus
 - Pray for and with your Muslim friends even in the name of Jesus
 - Ask your Muslim friends if they have had a dream about Jesus
- Dissatisfaction with the type of religion they have experienced in the Quran and how it emphasizes religious militancy and God's punishment over his love, as well as the failure of religious laws to transform society (Let them discover this for themselves)
- The spiritual truth in the Bible
 - Key to their understanding of God's character
 - Get them in God's word, regardless of their beliefs or objections that it has been changed or corrupted
 - When they experience God's word and the truth, the intellectual objections can vanish without any intellectual change of mind
- The scriptural teachings about the love of God expressed through the life and teachings of Jesus

Five Key Components of Effective Outreach:

- Pray, we are in a spiritual battle, only God can change their hearts
 - Make friends, focus on their felt needs
 - Language – they want English conversation partners
 - They're lonely – they need some social opportunities
 - Answer their objections, your Muslim friends will have a lot of questions
 - Demonstrate Jesus's love, grace, and mercy by your actions and your words
 - Be patient, there are many barriers to Muslims following Jesus, and they are often social or cultural, but not theological
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