

## RELATING TO MUSLIM WOMEN

### Intro

- Muslim women are systematically less reached than men, but they can often be the decision-makers in a family
- Many Muslim women feel hopeless about eternity, are ashamed of being a woman, feel unloved by God, are insecure, or experience loneliness

### Three Common Ways To Connect With Muslim Women

- Friendship
  - Establish yourself as a person of faith from the start
  - Your friend's family members will be more important than anyone else
  - Building trust with your new friend is vital in maintaining your friendship
  - Often as you build trust with your new friend, you are indirectly building trust with her whole community of family and friends
- Hospitality
  - Hospitality can be shown in your own home, but also in other places
  - Pay for food or drink when you invite a friend out and to share what you order
  - If your friend is coming over to your home, go out of your way to guess what she might need before she asks
  - If you go to your friend's home, bring a gift of food or flowers to show your friendship
  - Making plenty of time to spend with your friend will be appreciated
- Sharing Jesus
  - Pray for opportunities to pray with your friend, tell stories of what Jesus has done for you and for others in the past and to read the Bible
  - As bonds of trust grow, a friend may share about a trial she is experiencing in life
  - It's also impactful to connect stories from the Bible to situations in your life
  - Open up about your own relationship with Jesus and experiences of Christianity by weaving spirituality into conversations

### Begin Your Friendship with the End in Mind

- You may be the only Christian your Muslim friend ever meets
  - Places you can potential meet a Muslim women: coffee shops, restaurants that serve halal foods, malls, certain housing complexes, cultural centers where they are involved
  - Ask the Lord for a discerning heart and that he would lead you to the right person or two, instead of pursuing a friendship with any Muslim woman you meet
  - "The 5 Thresholds of Evangelism" - Trusting a Christian, being curious about how other people see and experience the world, being open to seeing what Jesus can do with her life, begin searching for deeper meaning and wondering if Jesus could be worth following, and being ready to follow Jesus with her whole life.
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