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Discussion Guide
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Sharing the Love of Christ with Muslims

Introduction

There's a growing tension these days between Muslim nations and the United States. More importantly, there are religious leaders of Islam who are increasingly challenging the Christian faith. This is having a huge impact on the lives of followers of Christ in Muslim nations as they face increasing hostility and persecution. It's also causing believers all over the world, including those of us living in America, to examine our own relationship to Muslims. We're asking how we can more effectively bring the good news of God's grace to those we know who are Muslims.

Questions for Study

1. What is one thing you appreciate about Muslims or Muslim culture and one thing that is a disconnect for you?
2. When was the last time that you had a friendly conversation with a Muslim? Can you think of anything that might discourage you from striking up a conversation?
3. List as many things as you can that you know about Islam. What did you learn from Fouad Masri about the Muslim faith and culture?
4. What are the differences in belief between the Christianity and Islam? Looking ahead to next Sunday's sermon from Matthew 5:17-20, how does what Jesus said in these verses counter the Muslim faith?
5. What is one practical thing that you could do to bridge a gap so that you can get to know and build a friendship with a Muslim neighbor, coworker or student?
6. What would be good ways to share the love of Christ with someone who believes in Allah? What things would probably be unhelpful?

Prayer

If you feel prompted to begin praying for Muslims, sign up for a weekly prayer email from the Crescent Project. Visit Crescentproject.org and click on "get involved" and then "prayer".