

## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your LIFEgroup. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!



### FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Have you ever reached out in friendship to someone who was foreign or even adversarial toward you? How did it feel? What was the result?
2. What are some of the strategic steps Paul took in Athens to relate the message of Jesus and His resurrection? How might we make the same steps in reaching out to people today?
3. Name the 5 pillars of Islam. Can you summarize the five doctrines of Islam?
4. Jesus is recognized as a prophet and even called the Messiah in the Quran. What is the difference between the Christian and the Muslim understanding of Jesus? How might a Christian share their viewpoint of Jesus with a Muslim?
5. Let's be honest . . . are you willing to extend an invitation of friendship to a Muslim person? If so, where will you begin?

The six week Bridges course offered at ECC through the Crescent Project is a powerful curriculum paving the way for establishing fruitful relationships with Muslims. The Bridges DVD curriculum offers a hands-on, in-depth study for small groups. ECC is offering the Bridges study, led by Kurt Uhen, during the first six weeks of our Wednesday night Midweek classes beginning in September. More details about this course are offered on our website.

In this effort, ECC is joining forces with Blackhawk Church who is also offering the Bridges study. To begin to build relationships with our Muslim neighbors, our two churches, ECC and Blackhawk, will tour and serve together at the International House of Fort Wayne during the month of October.



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### THE REASON FOR THIS TOPIC —

1. How is Christianity different from Islam?
  2. Should Christians share the Gospel with someone of another faith?

#### I. WHAT APPROACH WILL WE TAKE?

1. Moving forward based on \_\_\_\_\_. Ignore, Avoid, Aggress.
  - John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
  - Matthew 5:43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’<sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,<sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
2. Moving forward based on \_\_\_\_\_. Build relationships and find bridges of understanding.
  - a. Paul devoted his life to sharing the Gospel message. He surrendered his own freedoms to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
    - 1 Cor. 9:20 To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.<sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.
  - b. While in Athens, Paul looked for opportunities to share the Gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ people.
    - 1.) Paul felt a burden for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 17:16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

2.) Paul \_\_\_\_\_ what he could about their beliefs.

Acts 17:22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

3.) Paul leveraged what he had learned to present the \_\_\_\_\_ in a way his audience could best understand.

Acts 17:28b As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

## II. WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE AND WHY?

- Islam = "submission to God (Al-ilah)." 1/5 of the world's population is Muslim.
- In AD 610, Muhammad began to receive messages from an angel he identified as Gabriel. He prophesied for 22 years and his sayings were recorded as the Quran (\_\_\_\_\_). Muhammad is referred to as Seal of the Prophets. His life example, known as his sunna "trodden path", is followed by Muslims as the perfect example for obeying Allah's will.
- Islam recognizes multiple prophets including Ibrahim (\_\_\_\_\_), Musa (\_\_\_\_\_), Dawud (\_\_\_\_\_), and Isa Al Masih (\_\_\_\_\_).

### The Five Pillars

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ - *shahada*

"There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet."

The Shema - Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

2. Prayer - *salat*

3. Giving Alms (charity) - *zakat* - 2 1/2% of one's income.

4. Fasting - *siyam* - During the month of Ramadan (celebrates the first revelation of the Quran)

5. Pilgrimage - *hajj* - a journey to Mecca in one's lifetime.

### The Five Doctrines

1. Allah is omnipotent, omniscient, and practically unknowable because he is so transcendent.

2. Allah has sent many prophets - 28 are recorded in the Quran.

3. The Quran is as eternal as Allah, but three other books are seen as being inspired. They are the Taureh (Pentateuch), the Zabur (Psalms), and the Injil (the Gospel) of Jesus.

4. Jinn are both angels and fallen angels. The ruler of the Jinn is Shaitan (Satan).

5. There is coming a day of judgment, a resurrection, and an eternity of heaven and hell.

## III. HOW CAN WE EFFECTIVELY LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL WITH MUSLIMS?

(SPACE FOR INTERVIEW NOTES)

## IV. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM MUSLIMS?

1. Our Bible is worth memorizing. Our Creeds are worth knowing and quoting.
2. God has redeemed us. The Gospel is a beautiful reality. What other religious system can compare?
3. Your reflections:

## V. WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANITY DISTINCT FROM OTHER RELIGIONS?

1. The tri-unity of God: Jesus is God and is one with the Father and the Spirit.
2. The sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus.
3. Salvation is offered as a free gift.
4. The personal and relational nature of God.