

# A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR Sharing Your Christian Faith With Muslims

As a Christian, we are commanded to share our faith. But how can we do it confidently and effectively?

With so many different religions and worldviews, **it can be intimidating to start a conversation about Jesus.**

**LET US HELP.**

## THE GROWTH OF ISLAM



**3.84  
MILLION**

**MUSLIMS LIVE**  
in the United States.<sup>1</sup>



**2.76  
BILLION**

Projected global Muslim population **BY 2050.**<sup>1</sup>

**2.1%**

Annual Muslim **POPULATION GROWTH** in U.S.<sup>1</sup>

## STARTING THE JOURNEY

When you are sharing your faith, it is important to realize that Islam & Christianity have

### KEY DIFFERENCES



#### MUSLIMS BELIEVE

Muhammad was the final prophet.  
The Qur'an is the ultimate spiritual authority.  
Original sin doesn't exist and the Crucifixion didn't actually occur.



#### CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

Jesus was the Son of God.  
The Bible is the ultimate spiritual authority.  
The Crucifixion paid the penalty of sin.

### ...But they also have some SURPRISING SIMILARITIES

#### BOTH BELIEVE

*In one God  
Acknowledge the existence of Heaven and Hell  
Respect the Old Testament  
Value family, integrity and honesty*



STARTING POINTS FOR  
**CONVERSATIONS**



STARTING POINTS  
FOR **BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS**

## 1. IDENTIFY YOUR ATTITUDE

When you think of Muslims, do you feel an attitude of love toward them?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**72%**

of Protestant church leaders have an unfavorable view of Islam? <sup>4</sup>

**3/4**

of U.S. evangelicals view Islam as “anti-Christian”?

**1/2**

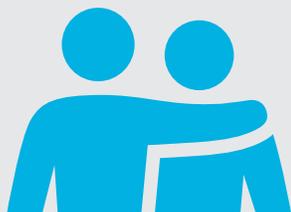
of U.S. evangelicals view Islam an essentially violent religion?

## 3. START LEARNING

Learn how you, your church, or your small group can more effectively share your faith with Muslims through ABWE’s Heart, Mind & Soul Seminar. This one-day workshop will show you:

- How to change your attitude to one of love
- Muslims’ attitudes towards Christians
- What major values Christians and Muslims have in common
- Muslims’ beliefs about the New Testament
- How the news media incorrectly shapes our perceptions of Muslims
- Crucial first steps to building a friendship with Muslims
- Important pitfalls to avoid when building a relationships
- How to read the Bible with Muslims interested in the Good News

## 2. RESPECT AND LISTEN



Many Muslims come from very relational cultures. The best way to begin forming friendships with Muslims is to **LISTEN to them in a RESPECTFUL MANNER** and discover their thoughts on their religion and heritage.

## 4. TAKE THE NEXT STEP



### HOST OR ATTEND

a Heart, Mind & Soul seminar  
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[www.abwe.org/go](http://www.abwe.org/go)

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For the past 90 years, ABWE has been following Christ’s command to make disciples among all people groups and currently has more than 900 missionaries serving in over 70 countries around the world. We focus on evangelism, discipleship, church planting and building communities of Christ-followers who are on fire for missions. For more than 50 years, ABWE Muslim Ministries has been making disciples and planting churches among Muslim people groups worldwide, with nearly 100 missionaries serving on 14 Muslim ministry teams.