



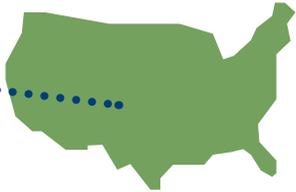
A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR Sharing Your Christian Faith With Muslims

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. This practical guide from ABWE's Muslim Ministries serves as a roadmap for learning how to share the gospel with Muslims in a way they can understand and, hopefully, eventually embrace.

The Growth of Islam



Globally, Muslim population is projected to be **2.5 billion** by 2050.³



US Muslim growth rate is **1.9%** annually.¹

There are approximately **3.84 million** Muslims in The United States of America.²

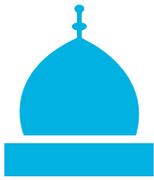
Starting the Journey

When you are sharing your faith, it is important to realize that while Muslims and Christians have **differences** such as ...



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



... They also have some surprising similarities.

They both believe in one God

They both acknowledge the existence of Heaven and Hell



They both respect the Old Testament

They both highly value family, integrity and honesty

You can use these similarities as a starting point for building friendships and starting conversations.

Practical Steps To Getting Started

1. Identify Your Attitude

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

Did you know that approximately:⁴

3/4 of U.S. evangelicals view Islam as "anti-Christian"?

72% of Protestant faith leaders have unfavorable views of Islam?

1/2 of American evangelicals consider Islam an essentially violent religion?



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.**



3. Start Learning ...

- 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 relationship
- How to read the Bible with Muslims interested in the Good News



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