



# ENCOUNTERING THE WORLD OF ISLAM

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## Discover God's Heart for Muslims

*Embracing Muslims with the Love of Christ*

### Are Muslims Open to the Gospel?

- Islam is not the world's fastest growing religion. Evangelical Christianity is.
- More Muslims have become followers of Jesus Christ in the last 25 years than in the previous 1250 years.
- Many Muslims suffer under repressive regimes and lack human rights and educational and economic opportunities.



### Where Do Muslims Live?

- Most Muslims are not Arabs and don't even live in the Middle East.
- Only 20% of Muslims today speak Arabic.
- Indonesia, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh are the nations with the largest Muslim populations, each home to at least 100 million Muslims.
- About 2.6 million Muslims live in the U.S. Many are immigrants who grew up in Muslim families, but about one-third of them are American converts to Islam.

### How Do Muslims See Jesus Christ?

- Most Muslims are not radicals. In fact, they are deeply offended by the actions of radicals in the name of Islam.
- Muslims respect Jesus as a prophet of God, born of a virgin, who performed many miracles and will come again.
- The Qur'an mentions Jesus 93 times, calling him the Messiah, the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and the All Righteous One.

### God Is At Work Among Muslims!



While one out of every three non-Christians is a Muslim, only one out of every 12 Christian workers reaches out to Muslims! The opportunities are great. Join

us for *Encountering the World of Islam* and discover how to embrace Muslims with the love of Christ.

## “Knowing what I know now and having the heart

for Muslims that I have now, I want to build relationships with the Muslim students on campus.” *Calvin, CO*

“What I love about this class is the integration of what we learn into our lives. I appreciate the articles about starting where we live in building relationships with Muslims.”  
*Gwen, PA*

“Praise God for bringing me to this course! I have a deeper understanding and empathy towards Muslims, and I have gained confidence and skills to befriend Muslims.”  
*Beth, GA*



## Join Us

*Encountering the World of Islam* guides you on a journey into the lives of Muslims around the world and in your neighborhood. Through this comprehensive course, you will learn about Muhammad and the history of Islam. Gain insight into today's conflicts and dispel western fears and myths. Discover the frustrations and desires of Muslims and learn how to pray for and befriend them. *Encountering the World of Islam* provides a positive, balanced, and biblical perspective on God's heart for Muslims and equips you to reach out to them in Christ's love.



## Class Information

### TUESDAYS

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## What is Encountering the World of Islam?

*Encountering the World of Islam* is a twelve-lesson course which combines typical learning assignments with experiential activities and on-line interactions for an integrated learning environment. Each course lesson is taught by a different Muslim or Christian expert. In each lesson you will explore the Muslim world and God's plan for Muslims by reading from a collection of writings about the life of Muhammad, the history of Islamic civilization, Islamic beliefs, Muslims today, and the everyday lives of Muslims from Morocco to Indonesia. Gain insight into diverse Muslim cultures and worldviews as well as Christian outreach toward Muslims, our response to Islam, and prayer for the Muslim world. The course textbook has more than 80 authors providing a broad range of perspectives on Islam.

## Lesson Topics

### Part 1 - Development of Islam

1. The Founding of Islam
2. The Expansion of Islam (632 – Today)
3. Islamic Beliefs

### Part 2 - Expressions of Islam

4. Muslims Today
5. Islam in Everyday Life
6. The Spiritual World of Muslims

### Part 3 - Christianity and Islam

7. Cultural Barriers
8. Theological Issues
9. Past Approaches to Outreach

### Part 4 - Our Response to Islam

10. Church Planting and Contextualization
11. Our Response to Islam
12. Prayer for the Muslim World

## Why Should this Course Matter to You?

Islam is considered by some to be the greatest challenge to Christianity today. There are more than six million Muslims in the U.S. alone, making Islam the second most popular religion in the United States. Sadly, Christians rarely reach out to Muslims. Some feel Muslims are too difficult to reach with the gospel. Others simply don't know how to share with their Muslim neighbors. *Encountering the World of Islam* can help break down these barriers.

Friendships with Muslims are key to learning about the world today. Muslims are hospitable and have a rich, diverse culture and history. In addition, Muslims have many needs which should concern us as Christians. Respectfully expressing our faith in Jesus Christ can be a natural part of our friendships with Muslims. Muslims revere Jesus, and more Muslims have become his followers in the last 30 years than in the previous 1250 years.

The message of this course is hopeful and gentle because of our belief in Jesus Christ and his model of ministry toward others.

## Lesson Features

Read from and listen to Muslim and Christian subject experts.

- Meet with Muslims.
- Visit a Mosque.
- Participate in a weekly discussion forum with your fellow students.
- Additional on-line activities and readings.
- Academic and continuing education credit is available.