

APR. 21/ 22; 2007
KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT:
WITNESSING TO MUSLIMS

TO GET YOU TALKING:

1. Share about any recent interaction(s) you may have had with a Muslim. Has this sermon series helped at all during those interactions? If so, how?
2. Did anything in this weekend's service impact you? Why?

TO GET YOU THINKING:

Step #1. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to bring a Muslim person or family into your life.

Read Colossians 4:3:

1. Discuss what you think the mystery of Christ is, as mentioned in this verse. How would you go about praying for Muslim people, in light of this verse?

Step #2. Take everything you have learned in these last 3 weeks about Islam and lay it down at the feet of Jesus.

Read 2 Timothy 2:23-26:

1. Discuss your preconceived ideas about Islam and if they have changed since this sermon series began. Explain how.

Step #3. Focus on friendship and love; be real, genuine, honest, true, caring human beings! Express interest in their lives, their work, and their family. Ask questions!

Read 1 Peter 4:7-8:

1. Brainstorm with your group how you could theoretically (if you currently don't know anyone who is Muslim) or in reality, carry out Step#3, to a Muslim.

Step #4. ACT *BUT* don't SPEAK Christianese! Christianity is a religion about LOVE relationship. Love is its own language, it knows no barriers, it is both felt and understood by action.

Read Colossians 4:6:

1. Practically speaking, how can your conversations be full of grace while being seasoned with salt, as the verse says? Try and share your real life examples.

Step#5. Don't hide your Christianity. Most Muslim cultures have a strong sense of family and food. A prayer of blessing for the food will be respected and sow a tiny seed.

Read Matthew 5:16:

1. Why do some of us have a tendency to discount the small and often simple things we can do to model Christ and our devotion to Him, to those around us?
2. Does this discounting reveal a deeper need to "do" big things for God, rather than being faithful in the little things, that are often mundane and repetitive? Discuss your insights.

Step#6. Look and listen for the right situations and opportunities to sow seeds of faith. Muslims are very wounded people. Pride is very important in Islam. You never say you are sorry. It is a very defensive and competitive religion.

Read Colossians 4:5:

1. Discuss step #6 with the group and insights you might have about step #6's statements.

Step#7. Don't use a "4 Spiritual Laws" type approach with them. God is not after a decision/prayer. He is after a disciple. There is a big cost to most of these people, work patiently with them as they count and weigh the cost.

Read Luke 14:28-30 & John 5:17.

1. Discuss the difference in a person who makes a decision for Christ or prays a prayer to that of a disciple of Christ.
2. What does "counting the cost" look like in your own life?

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER:

Spend the remainder of the time praying for those who are in your life, those who need Jesus to be Lord and Saviour of their lives.

Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus, to the Muslims of our world, in a Supernatural way, through dreams or visions.

SERMON – BASED DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR APR. 21/ 22, 2007



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