

# World Religions: Islam

## Lesson 11 | Fire and Go Course

A Pentecostal-Charismatic Missions Course for African Pastors

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# What Muslims Believe: The Six Articles

The core theological beliefs of Islam.



## The View of Jesus (Isa)

- **Affirmed:** Prophet, miracle-worker, Messiah, virgin birth.
- **Denied:** Deity, the Trinity, the crucifixion, and the resurrection.

# What Muslims Believe: The Five Pillars

The core daily and lifetime practices of a Muslim.



1

**Shahada**

(Declaration of Faith)



2

**Salat**

(Daily Prayer)



3

**Zakat**

(Charity)



4

**Sawm**

(Fasting)



5

**Hajj**

(Pilgrimage)

# Practical Approaches: Relational Witness

Building bridges to the Gospel.



## 1. Build Genuine Relationships

- Evangelism happens through friendship, not abstract debate.
- Practice hospitality and share meals.



## 2. Distinguish Person from System

- Love the Muslim person deeply.
- Present the person of Jesus clearly.
- Never disrespect Muhammad—this immediately closes the door.

# Practical Approaches: Power & Cost

Relying on God and supporting the convert.



## 3. Pray for Signs and Wonders

- Folk Islam responds to God's visible power.
- Pray for physical healing and deliverance in Jesus' name.
- Ask God to send dreams and visions of Jesus.



## 4. Be Prepared for the Cost

- Converts often face severe family rejection or physical danger.
- The Church must become their new family, offering discipleship and practical care.

# Pentecostal Application

Our unique advantage in Muslim evangelism.

## The Power of the Holy Spirit cuts through intellectual barriers.

When a Muslim receives miraculous healing or a vision of Jesus, theological arguments become secondary to the undeniable experience of God's power and love.



The Holy Spirit

Intellectual Barriers

# Reflection Questions

Discuss these with your study group.

- 1.** What are the main theological differences between Islam and Christianity regarding the person of Jesus Christ?
- 2.** Why is the assurance of salvation such a powerful bridge when witnessing to Muslims?
- 3.** How can your church build genuine relationships with Muslims in your community without compromising the gospel?
- 4.** How does the Pentecostal emphasis on signs and wonders give African churches a unique advantage in Muslim evangelism?




# Prayer Focus

- **Pray by Name: Pray for specific Muslims in your nation or community by name.**
- **Pray for Visions: Ask God to visit them through dreams and visions of Jesus Christ.**
- **Pray for the Church: Ask for boldness and wisdom for Christians who live and witness in predominantly Muslim communities.**

# Action Step

**Before our next lesson:**

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- 1. Research:** Find the approximate number of Muslims living in your city or district.
  - 2. Observe:** Find out what Christian outreach efforts are currently active among them.
  - 3. Act:** Identify one practical step your church could take to begin building relationships with your Muslim neighbors. Bring this proposal to your church leadership.