

### **Session 3: Attitudes of an Ambassador**

*After this session you will be able to:*

- ✦ Share with Muslims in a correct state of heart.
- ✦ Identify three general types of Muslims.
- ✦ Learn keys to initiating natural relationships with Muslims.

*Pray God will empower you with:*

- ✦ Wise actions that glorify God among Muslims (see Colossians 4:5).
- ✦ Speech that is respectful toward Muslims (see Colossians 4:6).
- ✦ A heart of an ambassador in your interactions (see 2 Corinthians 5:20).

### **Warm-up**

What do you think are some tense subjects that could arise in a conversation with a Muslim?

- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_
- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_
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Could these topics be avoided? If not, how could they be handled?

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Matthew 28:18-20	“Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ ”
2 Corinthians 5:20	“We are ambassadors for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, ‘Be reconciled to God.’ ”

### **Ambassadors**

What is an ambassador?

- ✦ \_\_\_\_\_ his country
- ✦ Our job is to \_\_\_\_\_.

God makes people Christians, not us.

### **Four Attitudes**

#### *1) Loving*

Show unconditional compassion.

We came to Christ because we saw Christ's love in others.

#### *2) Friendly*

✚ Build a friendship.

✚ Do not \_\_\_\_\_ Muslim beliefs.

✚ Do not \_\_\_\_\_.

#### *3) Bridging*

### **Bridge the Gospel**

Take the \_\_\_\_\_ concepts of Islam and Christianity and build a bridge. Start building a bridge and pray your friend will step out in faith to cross it.

#### *4) Biblical*

✚ Always use the Bible.

✚ Give the Injeel (New Testament) as a gift.

### **Types of Muslims**

#### *Cultural*

✚ Constitute the majority of the Muslims worldwide, representing all classes of society and countless ethnic groups

✚ They have only \_\_\_\_\_ information about Islam and therefore do not normally adhere to and perform all of the rituals.

✚ They are open to hearing the gospel and to considering the lordship of Jesus Christ.

#### *Converts*

✚ From a variety of backgrounds

✚ Ask them, "Why did you become Muslim?"

*Devout*

- ✦ May be well informed about their religion and able to discuss Islam with an open mind
- ✦ Highly involved in the religious rituals, but some may have no formal education
- ✦ Show love and understanding to them rather than an argumentative spirit, even though they might tend to argue.

**APPROACH**

1. Pray.
2. Build friendships.
3. Present your faith in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner. Muslims are very open to discussing spiritual issues.
4. Smile to keep the conversation relaxed .
5. Witness one-on-one when possible.

*Remember*

**Be patient. Wait on the Lord** for the timing and opportunities to share. **Answer criticism** if necessary in order to correct false information about Christ and Christianity. **Give the Injeel** as a gift. **Expect results.**

**Discuss**

Have you met a Muslim or have a Muslim friend? How would you describe him?  
(If “no”, then skip this question, and do the second one)

- A) Cultural—His religion is based on traditional beliefs; he is Muslim because his parents were Muslim.
- B) Convert—He converted to the religion from another background.
- C) Devout—He is highly involved in religious rituals and is knowledgeable about Islam.

What approach do you think will be best to take with your friend?

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If you have never met a Muslim, THAT’S OKAY!! Which approach do you believe you could do the best? Why?

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