



WORKSHOP REPORT
ENGAGING MUSLIMS
WITH THE GOSPEL

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

ACTS 1:8

All Three geographical Areas

- ▶ 1. Jerusalem
- ▶ 2. Judea/Samaria.
- ▶ 3. Ends of the Earth

3 Great Commission Assignments

- ▶ 1. Going (Church Planting and Church Growth)
- ▶ 2. Baptism (Church planting and Church Growth)
- ▶ 3. Teaching them to Obey (Discipleship and Leadership Development)

Opportunity and Challenges face in Engaging Muslims with the Gospel

OPPORTUNITY:

- ▶ Exploit both common ground in Christianity and Islam: Monotheistic belief

CHALLENGES

- ▶ 1. Persecution (Physical Attack, Psychological attack etc.)
- ▶ 2. Fear of Rejection

Contextualization Principles

- ▶ 1. Only speak the truth
- ▶ 2. Exalt Jesus
- ▶ 3. Use Islamic Terminologies
- ▶ 4. commend them for their Diligence
- ▶ 5. Merging common beliefs

Muslims Objections / Differences

- ▶ Bible is corrupted
- ▶ Jesus is not the son of God
- ▶ Jesus did not die,
- ▶ God is not three
- ▶ Jesus is not God.

Islam vs Christianity

- ▶ How sins are forgiven
- ▶ Mohamed as the prophet of Allah
- ▶ No assurance of Salvation
- ▶ Women are inferior

Preparing for persecution

- ▶ Reaching out to key leaders/elderly one first as a strategy.
- ▶ Jesus did not promised Christians a world without persecution.
- ▶ Encourage new believers to take decisions based on the Bible. Do not decide for them.
- ▶ Matures believers supporting new converts/ youngers believers in the faith in sharing their faith.

Engaging Muslims Insight

- ▶ It is challenging everywhere
- ▶ Importance of baptism for new believers
- ▶ New believers must share their testimony.
- ▶ No intentional delay in sharing the gospel
- ▶ The church should be a family for those who are facing persecution.

Five Steps in Engaging Muslims with the Gospel.

- ▶ 1. Connecting with the Person
- ▶ 2. Get to a God conversation
- ▶ 3. Get the conversation to how lostness
- ▶ 4. Introduce the Gospel
- ▶ 5. Get to a decision.

What was learnt from the workshop For member of the local church to be effective in engaging Muslims

The Church needs to develop Prayer Strategy

Ephesians 6:12 states, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"

EXAMPLES:

- ▶ Praying for Muslims during their praying time.
- ▶ Praying for specific Muslims by mentioning their names.

The Church needs Trainings

- ▶ Islamic beliefs and world views
- ▶ Evangelism/ sharing personal testimonies/
- ▶ Equipping and caring for new believers
- ▶ Apologetics

What Fears needs to be confronted with the scriptures

- ▶ 1. Persecution: Isaiah 41:10; Acts 18;9; Acts 4: 29-31; Matthew 10:16-22; Mathew 16:25
- ▶ Rejection :Luke 10:16
- ▶ Fear of not knowing what to say 1 Peter 3:15-16. Psalms 8:10

What Encouragement should be given to churches beginning this work

- ▶ Assurance of His Presence Mathew 28: 18-20
- ▶ Not to lose hope if others reject the Gospel
- ▶ It is a Biblical mandate.
- ▶ Going out in Pairs John 10: 1
- ▶ Their Labour is not in Vain 1 Cor. 15:58; Dan 12:3.