**10 THINGS TO KNOW *When Sharing the Gospel with a Muslim***

**John 15:5**

1. **Be Like Jesus**

* Love them, serve them and be present with them.
* Event oriented vs time oriented.
* Sit and be incarnational

1. **Pray A Lot**

* Pray for them and with them in Jesus name
* Share answered prayers with them
* Pray for them to have dreams & visions & for healing

1. **Don’t Worry About Islam**

* Be an expert on Jesus. They can’t argue that.
* Listen to them & do not attack the Koran and Muhammad
* Use your personal testimony

1. **Be Bold**

* Introduce yourself as a follower of Jesus.
* Distinguish yourself from the culture

1. **Give Context**

* They don’t believe in original sin.
* Share Creation & Fall with them.
* Don’t use churchy words

1. **Be Patient**

* Share, share, share. It’s possible for the first time a Muslim to hear the gospel to be saved, but it’s not common. Typically, it takes 4-7 years.
* Recognize to follow Jesus means to lose family, lose life, lose culture.

1. **Be Communal**

* Always go with others when you can.
* Love makes a difference when we show and give love together.

1. **Use the Bible**

* Consult it, story it, as the Holy Spirit leads *read it with them.*
* You want them to see the Bible as Authoritative.
* Never write in your bible.
* Use two hands when you hold it.
* Never place it on the ground

1. **Be Sensitive to The Culture**

* Dress modestly
* When you pray keep eyes open, hands up and open
* Don’t point the bottom of your feet at anyone, it is highly offensive
* Remove shoes when entering homes or tents
* No cross gender touching ever and avoid eye contact with the opposite sex.
* Food - don’t eat pork or drink alcohol.
* Hospitality is significant and refusing tea or coffee is offensive
* Affection is important- hold hands, greet with kisses, & even snuggle with same sex only.
* Look for people of peace.
* Set up one on one dialogue with people privately, if possible
* Hold, kiss, and love on their children
* Be kind and gracious even if it is not returned

1. **Be a Learner, Ready to Face Common Theological Challenges.**

* ***The Divinity of Jesus.*** This is an insult and offensive. But Jesus is highly regarded as a Prophet.
* ***The Trinity*** (Father, Son, & Mary) They have been taught about Christianity that we believe God came, had sex with Mary to birth Jesus. Show offense to this!
* ***Polytheism*** *–* They have been taught that we worship 3 gods not 1. This is highly offensive to them. If it comes up, be highly offended by it as well.
* ***Death & Resurrection.*** *-* they do not believe Jesus died on cross & rose again. But Jesus was replaced with Judas on the cross and Jesus never died.
* ***Atonement:*** They don’t believe in atonement. Jesus can’t pay for sins. They think only they can work to pay for their sins. On judgment day they believe a scale will be placed before them and Allah and he will weigh their good deeds vs their bad deeds.
* **They believe our Bible is corrupt**. *You can ask. “Do you believe the Bible is a holy book? “Yes” sooo your saying God is so weak He cannot protect His Word.*