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For the loving, courageous women of the Church: May God use this resource to inspire, empower, and equip you to share Jesus' Good News with Muslim women everywhere—so that they, too, may be called daughters of our living God.

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YOUR JOURNEY'S PURPOSE

Have you ever considered that the Muslim women in our communities are our neighbors for a divine reason? Could it be that the Muslim mom you see at your kid's soccer practice or the veiled women who pass you in the grocery aisle have been brought your way on purpose? At Say Hello we believe God wants to show himself as Father and King to Muslim women through Christian women... just like you.

It is not an accident that this guidebook is in your hands. The vital truth that the Apostle Paul revealed to the famed Areopagus crowd around 51 AD applies to us today, as well. It is recorded in Acts 17:26-27:

"From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. GOD DID THIS so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us."

God puts all of us, including Muslims, right where He wants us when He wants us there. WHY? So that people might seek Him and find Him!

The purpose of your Say Hello journey is to share the truth about Jesus with the Muslim women God privileges you to know. Whether you travel to faraway places or He brings them to your doorstep, they're your neighbors so that they can know Jesus. When you Say Hello to a Muslim woman, you embark on a remarkable journey that can make you both forever friends.

This guidebook will start you on your way. The path is a spiritual one that will open your eyes and heart to see and love Muslim women as Jesus does. He desires to bless them through you because He loves us all that much.



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDEBOOK

Each of this guidebook's five units consists of modules that deliver three main learning elements.

- 1.** The first is a brief teaching video you can access by clicking or scanning the QR code at the bottom of each unit's opening page. We hope you will watch each video and take notes as you go.
- 2.** The second element is the most obvious one: this guidebook. The pages are designed to walk you through each lesson, step by step. We hope you will use the journal response areas to explore, personalize, and apply what you learn to your life and context.
- 3.** The third element of this study is a collection of PDF downloadable enrichment resources. They are a treasure trove of additional help, such as prayer guides, practical approaches, information about Islamic holidays, compelling narratives, ideas for engagement, and SO MUCH MORE! You can easily access all of the PDF downloadables by clicking or scanning each module's accompanying QR code.

BRING A FRIEND ALONG

At Say Hello we are passionate about inspiring women everywhere to be a part of this journey. While this study can be done independently, it is a great tool to use in group settings groups as well. The guidebook questions are designed to be personal journal prompts that are equally conducive to thoughtful, interactive discussion.

To make this easier for everyone we have made the downloadable version of this study 100% free. If you would like to access the digital version of this course, you can do so by scanning the QR code here:



Now, as you begin Your Say Hello Journey and step into life and friendship with the Muslim neighbors God gives you, we ask Him to fill your heart with His extravagant love for them. May the Holy Spirit give you wisdom, words, and joy that overflows. May your life exude Christ's presence and His transformational power. We envision our Heavenly Father shining His face upon you, and enveloping your friendships with peace that passes all understanding and is everlasting.



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UNITY

UNIT 1 MODULE 1.1

**Christian women
are every Muslim
woman's best, if not
only, hope for Heaven.**



Click or scan to access this module's teaching video as well as any accompanying PDF downloads.

Why Say Hello?

KEY SCRIPTURE

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" -Romans 10:14-15

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Say Hello journey! You are about to discover the important role you play in God's mission to make His truth known among Muslims. Anticipate God-sized surprises along the way!

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

In this session, you heard Akan say that although she lived her whole life around Muslims, she never thought that she could say “hello” to even one of them.

1. Can you relate to Akan’s story in any way? If so, how?
2. Read Romans 10:14-15, a familiar verse that speaks about lost people who have never heard about Jesus as well as how God feels about people who share God’s Good News with them. How does this verse speak to you?

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

Reflect on the statement that “Christian women like you are every Muslim woman’s **best, if not only**, hope for heaven.” Apply your thoughts to your personal sense of calling, and share them with Jesus in a prayer you write to Him, here.



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UNIT 1 MODULE 1.2

When a Muslim friend experiences Jesus through you, she will have the opportunity to become a daughter of God.



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Who Is the Muslim Woman?

KEY SCRIPTURE

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
-Romans 5:8*

INTRODUCTION

Muslim women are like any daughters, sisters, and mothers in the world who value family, virtue, opportunity, security, and happiness—and seek those things in every way they know how. What they do not know is the truth about Jesus.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Muslim daughters, sisters and mothers are more like you than you think. The biggest difference is that they do not know the truth about Jesus. What does this statement make you think and/or how does it affect you emotionally?

2. List some of your fears, insecurities, hopes, and joys. Which ones do you think Muslim women might relate to as well?

3. In this session, you heard that Muslim women who come to Jesus are most often drawn to Christ's love. What do you think that love looks like? Read Romans 5:8 to be reminded that while we were still sinners, God already loved us absolutely. Yes, THAT much!

4. To go deeper, click or scan the QR code and access the "Jesus and Women" PDF download.

UNIT 1 MODULE 1.3

Muslim women are everywhere.



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Where Is the Muslim Woman?

KEY SCRIPTURE

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
-Luke 19:10*

INTRODUCTION

God is bringing Muslim women into our communities so they can more easily hear about Jesus and who He truly is!

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Take the next five minutes to go online and research where Muslims might live in your community. Use an app like Google Maps to look up local mosques, Muslim community centers, or Muslim-owned restaurants in your city.
2. Make a list of these locations, then commit to praying for the people who visit these places this week. (You might try eating there, too!)
3. Can't find anything in your city? No problem! Take a couple more moments and look for influential Muslim women online. You can search specifically for female Muslim authors, for example, or female Muslim politicians, or female Muslim athletes, etc. Make a list of their names and commit to praying for them, as well.

UNIT 1 MODULE 1.4

God is giving Muslims greater access to the truth about Jesus by moving them and us into shared spaces all over the world.



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Why Is the Muslim Woman My Neighbor?

KEY SCRIPTURE

From one man he made all the people of the world. Now they live all over the earth. He decided exactly when they should live. And he decided exactly where they should live. God did this so that people would seek him. And perhaps they would reach out for him and find him. They would find him even though he is not far from any of us. -Acts 17:26-27 (NIRV)

INTRODUCTION

God decides when and where you should live, and when and where your Muslim neighbor should live. He does this so that everyone can find out who He really is. The way He involves Himself in the details of our lives continually reveals His great love for us and His massive plan to redeem lost people.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Have you ever really thought about this verse before now?
2. How did God involve himself in the details of your life to help you find Him?
3. Was there a person He used in your salvation story? How so?
4. How might God be ordering the times and places where you live to help Muslims find Him?

UNIT 1 MODULE 1.5

Remember that Satan builds the walls that keep Muslims isolated from the gospel, but one of the great joys of outreach to Muslims is getting to see Jesus crumble these barriers.



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What to Do with Fear of Talking to Muslim Women

KEY SCRIPTURE

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. -Psalm 34:4

INTRODUCTION

Fear is one of the main tactics Satan uses to keep Christians from sharing Jesus with Muslims. It has been an especially strong deterrent since 9-11, hasn't it? For many, it's natural to fear things that might be dangerous or confusing, but God graciously desires for us to be honest with Him and simply lay those fears at His feet.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Have you ever felt afraid of Muslims? If so, how?
2. How did Ananias respond when God first told Him to seek out Saul, who had been terrorizing Christians? When God prompted Him a second time, how did he respond?
3. Ephesians 2:14-16 reminds us that God is our peace, who breaks down walls. Are there walls of fear in your life that you'd like to see God crumble?

UNIT 1 MODULE 1.6

**If the Holy Spirit can
anoint a whole sermon,
he can certainly anoint
my simple hello.**



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module's teaching video as
well as any accompanying
PDF downloads.*

What Can I Do to Begin My Say Hello Journey?

KEY SCRIPTURE

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.
-Isaiah 61:1

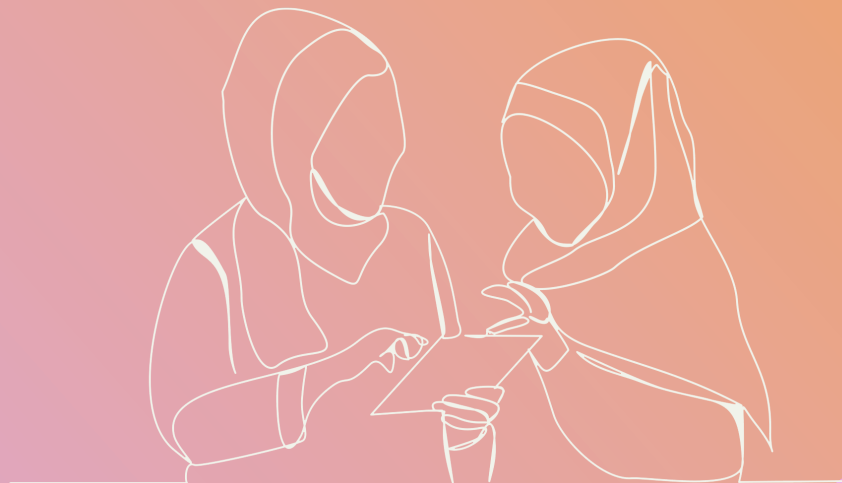
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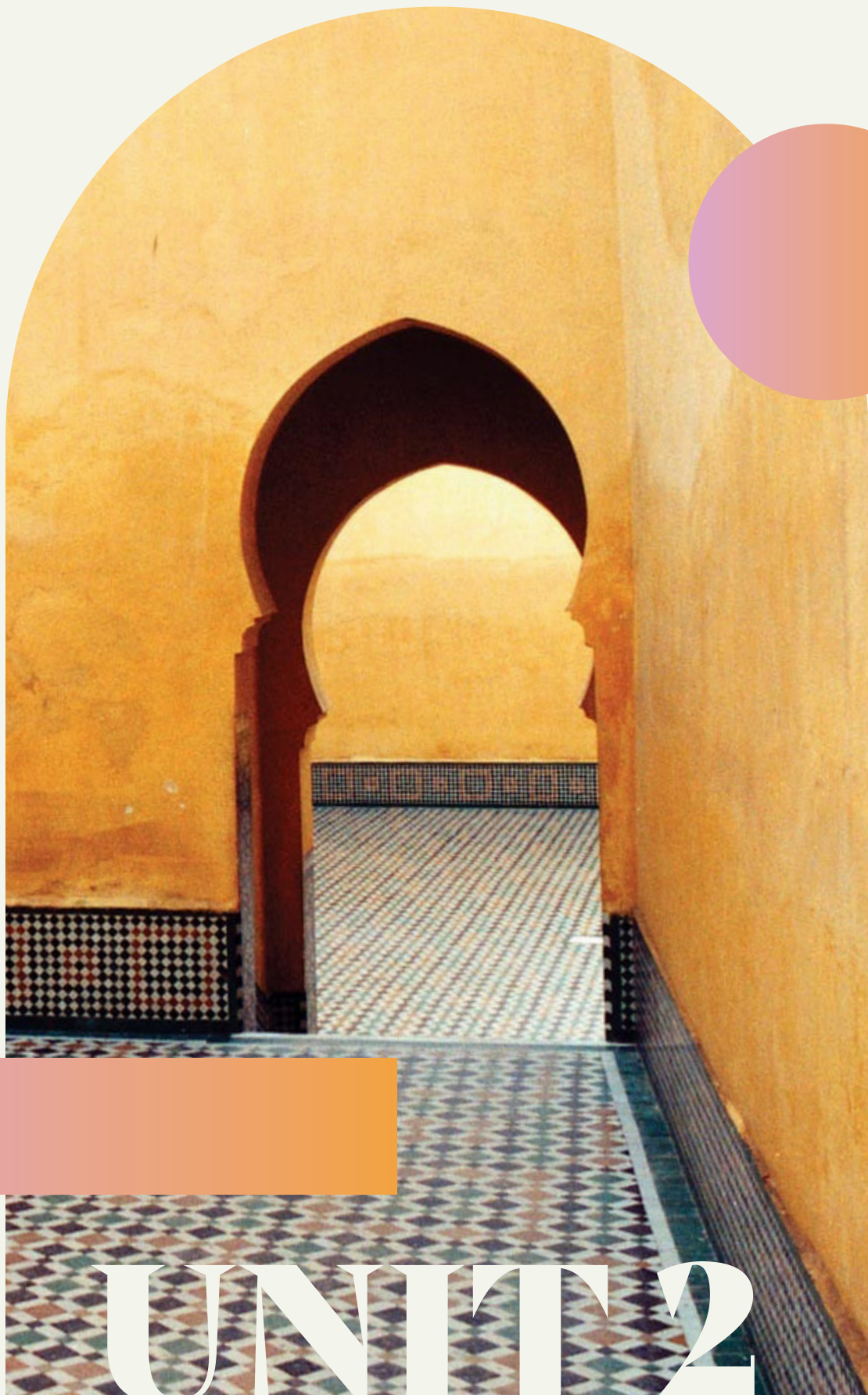
So now it is time to begin! It's time for us to believe that God has anointed us for the task and will give us everything we need to share His love with the Muslim women He brings our way.

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UNIT 2

UNIT 2 MODULE 2.1

You don't have to be a Bible expert to share your faith with people, but you really must know what you believe and why.



Click or scan to access this module's teaching video as well as any accompanying PDF downloads.

Conflicting Creeds

KEY SCRIPTURE

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. -1 Peter 3:15

INTRODUCTION

People wrongly assume that Muslims and Christians share core beliefs. You will soon understand how Islam counterfeits the truths of Scripture. Although you don't have to be a Bible expert to share your faith with lost people, you really must know what you believe and why. The 20-century-old Apostles' Creed encapsulates the tenets of our faith. Please Click or scan the QR code to access the "Apostles' Creed" PDF download and follow along prayerfully as we move on.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Part of our motivation for keeping the Apostles' Creed at the forefront is Peter's exhortation in 1 Peter 3:15. What does this verse say to you, personally?

2. How might you use the Apostles' Creed in your daily life to develop practices that help know what you believe and why?

3. If you had to put the Apostles' Creed in your own words, what would they be?

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

The Apostles' Creed is a declaration that you can use as a tool to intercede for Muslims. Take a moment to pray the prayer below out loud, as a personal expression of your desire for them to know the truth about Jesus like you do. If you already have a Muslim friend, insert their name into the prayer as well.

Father God,

Help Muslims believe that you are God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Help me point Muslims to belief in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

Help them to understand and accept that Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Help Muslims believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins [through Jesus alone], the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.



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UNIT 2 MODULE 2.2

It is very important that we clearly distinguish Islam from Muslims. Islam is a counterfeit religion, but Muslims are people who are created in the image of God and follow the religion of Islam.



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Five W's: Learning about Islam

KEY SCRIPTURE

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

-Genesis 1:27

INTRODUCTION

This lesson will give you a useful peek into the what, who, when, where, and why of Islam. It will be helpful for you to be familiar with these basic facts.

VIDEO NOTES:

What is Islam? *Islam is a religion that states that there is no God but Allah*

and Muhammad is his prophet.

Who are Muslims? *Muslims are people who follow the religion of Islam.*

When did Islam start? *Islam started approximately 600 years after Christ.*

Where is it from and where is it going? *The Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca, Saudia Arabia, in 570 A.D. Islam has a growing presence in all but 40 of the world's nations.*

Why does Islam thrive? *The heart and strength of Islam come from its ummah, or community connectedness.*

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Read Genesis 1:27 then reflect on how Muslim people are made in the image of God. How does this scripture impact the way you view them?

2. Click or scan the QR code to access the “Five W’s of Islam” PDF download. Take a moment to review it.

3. What parts of what you have learned at this early stage suggest that Islam is a false religion?

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

Now that you understand the critical difference between the words *Islam* and *Muslim*, take a moment to reflect and write a prayer asking God to help you see and love Muslims the way He does.



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UNIT 2 MODULE 2.3

Islam is a works-based religion. It teaches that Muslims must earn their way to Islam's paradise.



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Islam's Law and Pillars

KEY SCRIPTURE

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. -Ephesians 2:8-9

INTRODUCTION

Have you heard of Islam's five pillars before today? Because they are so foundational to Islam's works-based theology, take a minute to review each of these pillars

VIDEO NOTES:

- **Shahada:** Islam's creed declaring that "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet."
- **Salat:** Obligatory prayer five times a day, using all the correct protocols
- **Zakat:** The giving of at least 2-2.5% of their income to charity
- **Sawm:** The obligation to fast food, water, and sexual relations from sun up to sundown, during the month of Ramadan
- **Hajj:** Islam's required one-time spiritual pilgrimage to Mecca, should finances permit
- **Jihad:** sometimes called the sixth pillar
 - **Greater jihad:** one's inner struggles
 - **Lesser jihad:** combat in the defense or spreading of Islam

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Click or scan to review the “Five Pillars” PDF download. According to Islam’s teachings, what is the purpose of these pillars?
2. In your own words, according to Ephesians 2:8-9, how are Christians saved?
3. Although some of Islam’s pillars resemble important Christian practices, our motivation behind them is not the same. What is the difference?
4. Why do you think it is important to understand this difference?

UNIT 2 MODULE 2.4

The fact that the prophet Muhammad lived life around Christians and Jews accounts for the visible influences Judaism and Christianity had on Islam's early development. From the start, these elements have been manipulated to fit Islam's long-term agenda.



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Islam's Beliefs

KEY SCRIPTURE

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. -John 3:16

INTRODUCTION

During this session you learned more about what Muslims believe. Now you understand more about Allah, his angels, the jinn, and Satan. Muslims believe in many books and messengers—some being distorted versions of narratives and Bible characters that are very familiar to Christians. In Islam, Jesus gets relegated to the role of prophet, but not the Son of God.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. This lesson contains some statements that could be jolting to a Jesus-follower. How do the following beliefs differ from what the Bible teaches?

- Allah loves the Muslim’s good deeds, but he hates the sinner.
- Most of hell’s inhabitants are women.
- Jesus was a Muslim prophet.

2. John 3:16 and Romans 10:9-10 encapsulate what one must do and believe to be saved. These verses host the most fundamental of our beliefs. Sadly, Islam denies the deity of Christ and that He died for our sins, was buried, and arose again. What is your gut response to this denial? How important is it to focus on helping Muslims know the truth about Jesus?

3. To understand more about the main differences between Christian and Muslim beliefs, click or scan the QR code to explore the “Compare and Contrast of Beliefs” PDF download.

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

Take what you have learned about Islam's beliefs and ask the Lord to help you as you confront their disturbing distortions of God's truth. These things will most likely trouble your spirit; take them to Jesus in prayer even now, in the space provided below. All this will help you in your preparation for the spiritual conversations you hope to have with Muslims.

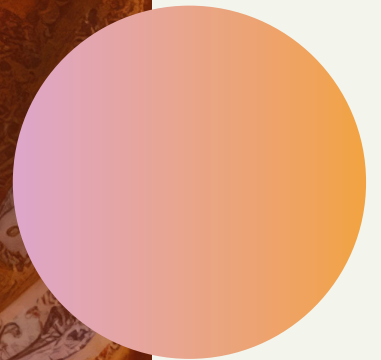


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UNIT 3

UNIT 3 MODULE 3.1

From now on, no matter where you see a veiled Muslim woman, remember that her veil represents much more than you originally thought.



Click or scan to access this module's teaching video as well as any accompanying PDF downloads.

Her Veil, Islam's Modesty

KEY SCRIPTURE

*And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate [reflect] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
-2 Corinthians 3:18*

INTRODUCTION

You might be surprised to know that many Muslim women love fashion like you do. Veils can be a very fashionable part of their attire, but the main reason Muslim women wear them is to obey Islam's mandates and reflect well on their community.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

We have just now learned about the different kinds of veils, why some Muslim women choose to veil, and why other Muslim women choose not to veil.

1. To broaden your perspective further, enter “Muslim modest fashion” into a online search. How is the *burqa* different from the *hijab*, and what do these differences communicate?

2. How might the type of veil your Muslim friend wears influence your interactions with her?

3. Now read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What stands out to you in this verse? What has Jesus done for you, and what might your “unveiled face” communicate to a Muslim friend?

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

God makes you a reflection of His glory as He continuously transforms you into His image. Prayerfully thank Him for so generously using you to help others see Him more clearly. Talk to Him about your desire to mirror God’s image in the friendships you have with Muslim friends.



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UNIT 3 MODULE 3.2

The Muslim woman's veil represents the righteous working of Islam's modesty. In that way, she becomes the keeper of her community's honor.



Islam's Modesty: More Than a Head Covering

KEY SCRIPTURE

I delight greatly in the Lord; ... For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness. -Isaiah 61:10a

INTRODUCTION

The prophet Muhammad said that “modesty is the character of Islam” (Ibn Maja 4182). The religious practice of purdah (i.e. the veiling of women and gender segregation) is Islam’s means of ensuring modesty and upholding honor.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Can you recall what the practice of *purdah* requires? How is it about more than a head-covering?
2. In your own words, reflect on the practice of *purdah* and how you think it fits into the Prophet Muhammad's comment about modesty being the character of Islam. Does it trouble you?
3. How does Islam's veil image differ from what Isaiah 61:10a calls "garments of salvation" and "a robe of his righteousness?"

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

Meditate on Isaiah 61:10a and the way God clothes you in these emblems of His grace. Delight in the Lord with words that express worship and gratitude to Him. Then think about Muslim women, and ask the Lord to show you how you might share your joy with the Muslim friends you have or hope to have in the future.



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UNIT 3 MODULE 3.3

The original mandates of veiling in Islam are included in Islam's sacred texts.



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Purdah's Beginnings

KEY SCRIPTURE

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible ... I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. -1 Corinthians 9:19-23

INTRODUCTION

As you become familiar with Islam's edicts for veiling, you will have a better feel for how legally binding they are, and you'll understand the important role Muslim women have as modesty bearers in Islam.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Of the three Qur'anic veiling mandates we shared with you, which stands out the most? Why?

2. Do you recall the two valid interpretations of what Islam's veiling represents even today? Why is it important that you understand both?

3. Christians value modesty, too. Compare the Qur'an's modesty edicts with 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies."

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

Modesty matters, doesn't it? Be prepared. The Lord might ask you to make some personal adjustments to your own modesty practices as you share life with Muslim friends (1 Corinthians 9:19-23). Take the next few minutes to ask the Lord to help you to honor Him (and them) with your body, especially as you relate His Good News to them.



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UNIT 3 MODULE 3.4

Many Muslims equate the West and Christianity with immodest, ungodly behavior, but you get to show them what it means to live life with Jesus at the center!



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What Matters Today

KEY SCRIPTURE

*Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
-Ephesians 5:1-2*

INTRODUCTION

Modesty matters. It might be a lot about veiling and clothing to some people and more about behavior to others. But the Prophet Muhammad, having called modesty “the character of Islam”, makes it central to how Muslims live. A Muslim’s modesty is largely connected to the merit one receives for good deeds and the reward of Paradise.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Were you surprised to find out that Muslims typically believe Christians are promiscuous and do not value modesty? What cultural influences have helped foster this belief among them?

2. Of the modesty-related suggestions shared in this session, which ones stand out to you? Which ones might be harder or easier for you?

3. In the video you heard that “our friendships with Muslims develop more naturally when we conscientiously consider not only what we think it means to be modest but also what they believe modesty requires.” Jot down some thoughts about how you think this could play out in your friendships.

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

The video warned against trying to emulate the prophet Muhammad in order to fit in with our Muslim friends. Remember, that's what Muslims must do. With this in mind, read Ephesians 5:1-2 out loud. Isn't it great that we get to imitate Jesus (1 John 4:19) in our friendships with Muslims? Thank God for His example and ask Him to empower you to walk in the way of love.



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UNIT 3 MODULE 3.5

The crux of biblical modesty is putting on Jesus!



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Biblical Modesty

KEY SCRIPTURE

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. -Romans 13:14 (ESV)

INTRODUCTION

Jesus-followers have the privilege of understanding God’s law through the lens of God’s love. God first mentioned His Good News plan in His response to Adam and Eve’s original sin (Genesis 3:15). Right then, already, He had Jesus on His mind. Jesus remains the crux of God’s redemptive plan. He is the key to our understanding of biblical modesty. When we put on Jesus, He’s the One who shines through us—the one Muslims get to see.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

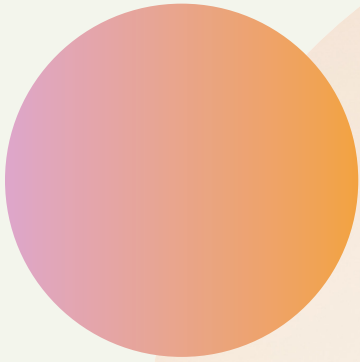
With Muslim women in mind, read 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Ephesians 4:24.

1. Has your personal understanding of modesty ever been based on rules and works? How is that different from biblical modesty?
2. How does biblical modesty fit into the broader scope of true righteousness and holiness?
3. How are these three scriptures good news to the Muslim woman?

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UNIT 4

UNIT 4 MODULE 4.1

God has strategically ensured the relevance of biblical truth to all cultures.



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Her Worldview: Shame/Honor

KEY SCRIPTURE

“To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.” -1 Corinthians 9:22b

INTRODUCTION

A worldview is the shared framework of ideas held by a society concerning how they typically perceive the world. Cultural anthropologists break the concept of worldview into three general societal categories: guilt/innocence, shame/honor, and fear/power. Because Islam was birthed in a shame/honor cultural context, most Muslims identify with that worldview.

VIDEO NOTES:

UNIT 4 MODULE 4.2

The overall ethos of Islamic law and practice makes many Muslim women vulnerable to gender-based shame. Jesus' way is very different.



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A Muslim Woman's Vulnerabilities to Shame

KEY SCRIPTURE

*Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.... Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."
-Matthew 26:10-13*

INTRODUCTION

Islam's sacred texts anchor and expose a Muslim woman's vulnerabilities to shame pertaining to her inherent worth and intelligence. "In contrast, Jesus lets women know they are intelligent and intrinsically worthy of God's love and concern. Not one time in all four Gospels did He put down a woman" (Doug Clark, Jesus and Women).

VIDEO NOTES:

UNIT 4 MODULE 4.3

Muslim women experience vulnerabilities to shame that reflect specifically on their femininity. Jesus honors their womanhood.



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Her Femininity

KEY SCRIPTURE

He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.” -Mark 5:34

INTRODUCTION

In the last two lessons, we heard about some of the more difficult aspects of Islam and Muslim women’s vulnerabilities to shame. In contrast, “Jesus was sensitive to the social and religious [challenges] with which women had to struggle, and He lifted those burdens.” -Doug Clark. Click or scan the QR code to access the “Jesus and Women” PDF.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. What are some of the things you have heard for the first time in this study? Are you surprised by any of them?

2. List the names of all the women listed in Jesus' genealogy (Matthew 1). In what ways did they suffer vulnerabilities that are similar to those you've heard about in this session?

3. Read the story in Mark 5:25-34 about the woman with the issue of blood. List all the ways (physical, social, and emotional) you think she may have suffered.

4. In contrast, how did her encounter with Jesus change everything?

UNIT 4 MODULE 4.4

Islam mandates marriage for most people. Jesus values all women, whether they are married or not.



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UNIT 4 MODULE 4.5

Islam highly esteems motherhood, but it diminishes the worth of women who are barren or fail to have male children. Jesus values and has a purpose for all women.



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UNIT 5

UNIT 5 MODULE 5.1

**“Biblical hospitality
is the heart of God
in action.”**

-Donna Krstulovich



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module's teaching video as
well as any accompanying
PDF downloads.*

Welcomed to Belong

KEY SCRIPTURE

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? -John 14:2

INTRODUCTION

Islam teaches that hospitality is a way to earn merit with Allah, while the entire biblical narrative is a grand story of hospitality! Christ's presence in the context of hospitality creates sacred space for supernatural things to happen.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. When you hear the word hospitality, what sort of things come to your mind?
2. Read John 14:2. Before today, had you ever thought about how hospitality has always been central to the mission of God?
3. In the video, we heard that according to the Qur'an and the Hadith, hospitality, like every other good deed that would be expected of a Muslim, is mainly a matter of obedience and merit. In what way is this different from how a Jesus follower views hospitality?

UNIT 5 MODULE 5.2

**Hospitality is a
frame of heart
and mind.**



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Her Generosity

KEY SCRIPTURE

Freely you have received; freely give. -Matthew 10:8b

INTRODUCTION

When you receive a Muslim friend's generous hospitality, you'll experience the best she has to give. Perhaps when she receives your hospitality, she'll be able to experience Jesus, whose "best" can mean heaven for her.

VIDEO NOTES:

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

Biblical hospitality always features the joy of generous sharing. Take a moment to thank God for specific people in your life whose hospitality has drawn you closer to Jesus. Then ask the Lord to help you share hospitality unsparingly, in ways that mirror God's supreme love to your Muslim friends.



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UNIT 5 MODULE 5.3

**The Holy Spirit
invites and
empowers us to
extend God's
hospitality to
Muslim friends.**



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What We Get to Do

KEY SCRIPTURE

The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God. -Leviticus 19:34

INTRODUCTION

Hospitality builds trust and enriches friendships. It breaks down stereotypes and fears, and it creates space for sharing faith. It models God's love and welcomes His presence where He might otherwise never be expected or known. In your hospitality, Muslims will be able to perceive that you are a devout follower of Jesus.

You will encounter all kinds of Muslims-immigrants as well as those who were born in your country. In this lesson, the focus on Islam's protocols for hospitality will guide you as you get to know your Muslim friends. Putting them first in your hospitality honors God, them, and you.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. Click or scan the QR code to review the “Practically Speaking” PDF download for help navigating hospitalities do’s and don’ts.

2. According to Leviticus 19:34, with whom does the Bible ask us to be generous? To what extent are we to welcome them?

3. So...what is it that you get to do? Think about this in terms of creating space for God to show up.

4. Reflect on how your hospitality could lead to moments when you might be able to pray with your Muslim friend.

UNIT 5 MODULE 5.4

Bathe your hospitality encounters in prayer.



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Guesting and Hosting

KEY SCRIPTURE

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. -Luke 1:68, (ESV)

INTRODUCTION

Luke 1 records Zachariah’s song in which he prophesies Jesus’ visit to earth to redeem humankind. Whether you are a guest or a host, you have the opportunity to invite Jesus into your encounters so that, ultimately, your Muslim friends might experience His redemption.

VIDEO NOTES:

REFLECTION / RESPONSE

1. List the things that are important to remember when hosting Muslim friends.
2. As a guest, what are ways you can honor your Muslim hosts?
3. How can you make prayer part of your practical preparations for visits with Muslim friends?
4. Click or scan the QR code to review the “Practically Speaking” PDF download on guesting and hosting.

CALL TO ACTION PRAYER

A Prayer for Guesting and Hosting Muslim Friends

Thank You, Father—

for the privilege of having a Muslim friend.

I recognize that it comes from You because of how much You love us both.

I give myself to You for this encounter and for this ongoing friendship.

Please guide me by your Spirit; give me discernment regarding the little and big things.

Anoint my every word and deed—even the welcome in my “Hello”—so that what my friend perceives in me honors You.

Please speak your words through my lips.

Father, help me to be gentle and courageous; give me wisdom for this privilege.

Cover our times together with your peace and joy.

Allow me the privilege of praying with my friend, and show yourself true to her in Your response.

Lord, I recognize that Satan is not pleased that I should have this friend.

Help me to prevail against his intentions to discourage or confuse.

I know that you go before us and that you fight against the enemy for us.

Protect us from Satan’s temptations and his lies.

For Your praise and for Your glory,

Amen



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UNIT 5 MODULE 5.5

**Christian women
are every Muslim
woman's best, if not
only, hope for heaven.**



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Spiritual Conversations

KEY SCRIPTURE

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. -John 15:12-13

INTRODUCTION

As you move forward in your relationships with Muslim friends, you will begin to see how simple, everyday life conversations can open doors for spiritual conversations. Whether you share Bible stories, chat about everyday life, celebrate holidays, or focus on direly felt needs, every conversation has the capacity for hosting spiritual encounters. Even when you feel inadequate, know that God goes with you; you are never alone.

VIDEO NOTES:



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You are cruising the aisle of the grocery store, checking items off your shopping list, when you look up from the shelves to see a veiled woman coming your way. Her covering tells you she is Muslim. You slow a bit, careful not to stare but eager for another glance. You slowly move your cart past her, trying to avoid the awkwardness of letting her know you see her but don't quite know what to do with her. You might like to start a conversation, but you aren't sure where to begin. God loves Muslim and Christian women so very much! He puts us on the same paths so that we, as Christian women, can help our Muslim friends find Jesus (Acts 17:26-27).

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